

Two New Serial Stories Commence in
This Number.

OCTOBER, 1902.

Vol. XIV. No. 12. M.N. 168

COMFORT

THE KEY TO A MILLION AND A QUARTER HOMES

Devoted to Art, Literature, Science and the Home Circle.

NEW YORK

AUGUSTA, MAINE.

BOSTON

Copyright, 1902 (Trade Mark Registered), by
W. H. Gannett, Publisher, Incorporated.



Design Copyrighted 1902, by W. H. Gannett, Publisher.

COMFORT

The Key to

A Million and a Quarter Homes.

Guaranteed Circulation:
ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND COPIES,
Each and Every Issue,
Or Exceeding 15 Millions A Year.

COMFORT has the the largest sworn circulation of any publication, of any kind, anywhere.

COMFORT is the only monthly in the world printed in five to eight bright colors on a perfecting press, which takes the paper from rolls, prints and binds it complete. COMFORT's matter is original, copyrighted and cannot be found elsewhere.

SUBSCRIPTION: 25c. PER YEAR IN ADVANCE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are entered on our books as soon as received, and are always dated from the current issue, unless otherwise ordered. POSTAGE to all parts of the United States and Canada is prepaid by us. CHANGE OF ADDRESS. When ordering change in address, be sure to give former as well as new address. We cannot find your name on our books unless you do. Due notice given upon expiration of subscriptions.

COMFORT was started and its subscription price fixed on the basis of an 8 page paper it has been voluntarily enlarged to 12, 16 and 24 pages. When more than 12 pages are now given the subscriber can consider it a gift from the publisher.

TO CONTRIBUTORS: All literary contributions should be accompanied by stamped and addressed envelopes for their return in case they are not available. Manuscripts should not be rolled.

Entered at the Post Office at Augusta, Maine,
as second-class mail matter.

Published Monthly by
W. H. GANNETT, Incorporated,
Augusta, Maine.

New York Office, Temple Court. Chicago Office, Marquette Building.

The Editor's Talk.

With this issue COMFORT closes its fourteenth volume. We have been looking over our files and we find that there has been a steady and marked improvement in each volume from the very first. The fifteenth volume, which commences with the November issue, will be no exception. It will be the best yet. In fact we promise our readers that the coming volume, will be better than all the rest of the fourteen put together. For our new volume we have arranged a programme of serial stories, short stories, special articles illustrated by photographs, which, with the regular departments and new features yet to be announced will make COMFORT the equal of any magazine whose subscription price is \$1 a year, instead of the low price of 25 cents.

In this issue we commence two new serial stories. "Under Love's Spell" by May Agnes Fleming, is a story that will hold our readers' attention from start to finish. The other serial story, "Jack Harkaway Out West among the Indians," will, we feel sure, be eagerly read by all our boy readers as well as the grown-ups.

To the people of this generation the American Indian is scarcely more than a tradition, a myth, to be found only in history. The remnants of the tribe: now to be found isolated in spots of the great West are but poor specimens of the Indian braves who once possessed this land. To the historian it seems but yesterday that the heroic deeds were wrought which gave name and fame to the great warrior chiefs, such as King Philip, who led the Narragansett and other tribes in the bloody war which bears his name; Powhatan, the powerful Virginia sachem, and father of the beautiful Pocahontas, who saved the life of Captain John Smith; Pontiac, leader of the Ottawas and Pottawatomies, remarkable for his great ability and good judgment; Logan, the eloquent Mingo chief of the Iroquois nation, humane and friendly to the whites; Tecumseh, the Shawnee warrior, brave but kind-hearted, born in 1768, near Springfield, Ohio; Osceola, the plotting chief of the powerful Seminoles; Black Hawk, the great Pottawatomie chieftain; and the more recent Sioux chief, Sitting Bull, crafty and treacherous, but able withal.

COMFORT has many inquiries from women and girls concerning how they in some way may make money at home, either to help the actual living expenses, or to secure pin-money for themselves. COMFORT wants to do all it can to help the ladies, old and young, to a little more wealth than Fortune may have favored them with, and it invites them to send suggestions of any and all kinds which will be printed for the benefit of all concerned. No doubt there are some ways by which money may be made, in town or on the farm, and we want the women readers of COMFORT to suggest in print how it may be done.

Possibly a great many of COMFORT's readers would like to know what are the books that are being read by all kinds of people who can buy them or get them from the libraries, and we publish a list. We do not offer any suggestions as to which are the most readable, for every reader has his own taste, and each one may choose as he pleases. In every way they are good, and are written by well-known writers and are issued by the best publishing houses. They are chiefly novels, but a few other books are read and we give them with the rest. The list begins with the six books selling in the largest quantities during the month of September: The Virginian, by Owen Wister; Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, Miss Hegan; The Mississippi Bubble, Hough;

Dorothy Vernon, Major; Ransom's Folly, Richard Harding Davis; The Hound of the Baskervilles, Conan Doyle; The Conqueror, Gertrude Atherton; Hearts Courageous, Hallie Erminie Rives; Oldfield, Nancy Hutton Bank; Barbara Ladd, C. D. Roberts; Hope Loring, Lillian Bell; Councilman Croesus, Mary K. Potter; The Last Word, Alice McGowan; The Kindred of the Wild, C. D. Roberts; Abroad With the Jimmies, Lillian Bell; The Mate of the Good Ship York, W. Clark Russell; Stephen Holton, C. F. Pidgin; Temporal Power, Marie Corelli; Captain Macklin, R. H. Davis; Oliver Horn, F. Hopkinson Smith; The Shadow of the Rope, E. W. Hornung; The Wings of the Dove, Henry James; The Valley of Decision, Edith Wharton; Bylow Hill, G. W. Cable; Doctor Bryson, Frank H. Spearman; A Pastboard Crown, Clara Morris; At Sunwich Port, W. W. Jacobs; The One Before, Barry Pain; The Romance of the Colorado River, F. S. Dellenbach; Layender and Old Lace, Myrtle Reed; In City Tents, Christine Terhune Herrick; Typhoon, Joseph Conrad; A Song of a Single Note, Amelia E. Barr; Love in Extremis, Mary Cholmondeley; Paul Kelter, J. K. Jerome; The Lady of the Barge, W. W. Jacobs; Fuel of Fire, Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler; No Other Way, Walter Besant; The Founding of Fortune, Jane Barlow; Tom Tad, W. H. Venable; The Weather, and Practical Methods of Forecasting, "Farmer" Dunn; A Short History of Music, A. Untersteiner; A Speckled Bird, Augusta Evans Wilson; Lafitte of Louisiana, Mary Deveraux; The Pharaoh and the Priest, Glovatski; The Queen of Quelpart, A. B. Hulbert; Tower or Throne, Harriet T. Comstock; The Shadow of the Czar, John R. Carling; The Heroine of the Strait, Mary Catherine Crawley; In the Country God Forgot, Frances Charles; A Girl of Virginia, Lucy M. Thurston; The Story of the Mormons, William A. Linn; The Spenders, Harry Leon Lewis; The Winding Road, Elizabeth Godfrey; Abner Daniel, Will N. Harben; Those Delightful Americans, Mrs. Edward Cotes; Castle Cranyerow, George B. McCutcheon; The Kentons, W. D. Howell; The Lady Paramount, Henry Harland; The New Christians, Percy White; The Mill of Silence, Bernard Capes; Love With Honor, Charles Marriott; The Unspeakable Scot, T. W. H. Crossland; A Double Barrelled Detective Story, Mark Twain; Separation, Margaret Lee; A Woman's No, Mrs. H. L. Cameron; Political History of the United States, J. P. Crosby; A Girl Who Wrote, Alan Dale; Right Reading, Edited by Ten Authors; The Bridge of the Gods, F. H. Balch; That Minister's Boy, W. H. Hooper; The Leopard's Spots, Thomas W. Dixon; The Blazed Trail, E. S. White; While Charlie Was Away, Bigelow; The Battleground, Ellen Glasgow; Belshazzar, Davis; The Diary of a Goose Girl, Kate Douglas Wiggin; The Story of Mary McLane, by herself; Captain of the Gray Horse Troop, Hamlin Garland; Audrey, Mary Johnston; None but the Brave, Sears; It's Up to You, McHugh; How to Know Wild Flowers, Dana; Miss Petticoats, Tilton; Heralds of Empire, Lunt; Olympian Nights, Bangs; The Napoleon, Josselyn; Dorothy South, C. D. Williams; Jezebel, Lafayette McLaws; Judith's Garden, Mary Stone Bassett; Chanticleer, Violette Hall; A Roman Mystery, Richard Bagot; The Decoy, Francis Dana; The Story of Eden, Dolfe Wyliaude; Terrors of the Law, Francis Watt; Luck of Lassendale, Earl of Idlesleigh.

Some time ago in The Home Finder column of COMFORT we told correspondents asking about Arizona Lands to write to Hon. M. A. Smith, Delegate in Congress from that territory, and we are now in receipt of the following letter from that gentleman.

EDITOR COMFORT, AUGUSTA, MAINE.
DEAR SIR: I have had a large number of letters from different parts of the country asking for information concerning Arizona and mentioning an article in COMFORT. I will be greatly obliged if you will send me a copy of the article, and I enclose ten cents to pay for same. Your kind attention to this will oblige, Yours respectfully,
M. A. SMITH. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Instead of an "article" it was only a line, but it contained the "power", and the Delegate from Arizona has no doubt been surprised to hear from so many people from so many different parts of the country, which shows that COMFORT not only goes everywhere, but the people read it.

As a balm to the overwrought feelings of the gentleman from Arizona who is a man that will work himself to a frazzle for the good of his territory and the benefit of the people and the country at large, COMFORT's Poet offers these few lines of soothing verse:

To Hon. M. A. Smith of Arizona.

Behold a little line that tells
The people where to go
For information; and behold
What plenteous harvests grow.

The Congressman, who loves to take
A little needed rest,
Is hustled by the seeking crowds
To help them in their quest.

Instead of going out to dine
And have a lot of fun
In resting-time, he has to put
Himself into a run.

And hire a lot of clerks to do
The hard, unusual task
That follows when the people have
Some extra things to ask.

It keeps him out of bed of nights,
It makes him work all day,
And wonder why a statesman can't
Pull in some extra pay.

But what's the odds? The Congressman
Must grin and bear it all,
For what he's there for is to hear
The people when they call.

And he's all right, and so are they,
And so is COMFORT that
Lets Congressmen and people know
Exactly where they're at.

In the mean time if any more of COMFORT's Home Seekers want to know anything about what a fine country Arizona is let them write to Hon. M. A. Smith, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

The Editor

Pieces to Speak.

Squash!!!

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY CHARLES NOEL DOUGLAS.

Copyright, 1902, by W. H. Gannett, Publisher.

Old uncle Rube way down in Maine had never had no luck,
With corn an' hogs an' such like things, well, he would just allow,
No critter lived in this broad land to touch him anyhow.
But tomatoes, taters and the like that most folks have on hand,
He couldn't raise the things for shucks an' mostly bought 'em canned,
But one day in his garden patch he saw and yelled "Jehosh!"
There, glowin' in the mornin' sun a glorious golden squash.

His good wife heard the shoutin' and swift to the garden hied
And there upon the ground to her astonishment espied
The primest, finest, biggest golden squash that ever grew
An' she no sooner knew of it than all Maine knew it too.
The news it spread like wild-fire and folks for miles around
All rushed to view the yellow beauty nestlin' on the ground,
And uncle Rube swelled out with pride, and said "Look here on gosh,
I ain't much on tomatoes, but I beat the world on squash."

A mystery 'twas to uncle Rube just how that ol' squash grew,
He'd tried to raise 'em all his life, a hundred times or two,
But the more he dug an' coaxed and tried the less success he had,
Till he just quit in sheer disgust an' went off hoppin' mad.
And now without no tendin' no fixin' and no care
He'd raised a squash that made Creation hump itself an' stare.
A dinner then he vowed he'd give and cut a mighty splash,
And invite all the folks around to help him eat that squash.

The invites they were all sent out, the preparations made,
An' uncle Reuben's wife to market sundry trips esayed,
And lovingly did uncle Rube his golden treasure view,
As nature painted it each morn a deeper golden hue.
An' folks went in for fastin' so that on th' eventful day
Ten pounds of squash an' turkey each could nicely stay.
Then uncle Reuben 'lowed again from Maine way to Oshkosh
There never yet was seen the like of that jim dandy squash.

Now dawned the day of days that was to see the sumptuous feast,
An' as the streaks of rosy light were glimmering in the east
Up bright an' early uncle Rube arose an' took his knife
An' sallied to the garden path to take the squash's life,
Keen was the blade and strong his grasp an' swiftly beat his heart,
As now he reached the precious spot an' backward gave a start.
"Murder! Thieves!! Police!!!" he yelled. "Great snakes! oh lor' by gosh!!"
Some thund'rin' gold darn thief has been an' stole the gosh blame squash."

Parson Caldwell of Springfield,
New Jersey.

BY BRET HARTE.

Copyright, 1902, by W. H. Gannett, Publisher.

Here's the spot. Look around you. Above on the height
Lay the Hessians encamped. By that church on the right
Stood the gaunt Jersey farmers. And here ran a wall—
You may dig anywhere and you'll turn up a ball.
Nothing more. Grasses spring, waters run, flowers blow
Pretty much as they did ninety-three years ago.
Nothing more, did I say? Stay one moment; you've heard
Of Caldwell, the parson, who once preached the word
Down at Springfield? What, no?—Come, that's bad; why, he had
All the Jerseys a'flame! And they gave him the name
Of the "Rebel High Priest." He stuck in their gorge,
For he loved the Lord God—and he hated King George!

He had cause you might say! When the Hessians that day
Marched up with Knyphausen, they stopped on their way,
At the "Farms," where his wife with a child in her arms,
Sat alone in her house. How it happened, none knew—
But God—and that one of the hiring crew
Who fired the shot! Enough!—there she lay,
And Caldwell, the chaplain, her husband, away!
Did he preach—did he pray? Think of him as you stand
By the old church today; think of him and that hand
Of militant plowboys! See the smoke and the heat
Of that reckless advance, of that straggling retreat!
Keep the ghost of that wife, foully slain in your view—
And what could you—what should you, what would you do?

Why, just what he did! They were left in the lurch
For the want of more wadding. He ran to the church,
Broke the door, stripped the pews, and dashed out in the road,
With his arms full of hymn-books, and threw down his load
At their feet! Then above all the shouting and shots
Rang his voice—"Put Watts into 'em. Boys, give 'em Watts!"
And they did. That is all. Grasses spring, flowers blow
Pretty much as they did a hundred years ago.
You may dig anywhere and you'll turn up a ball—
But not always a hero like this—and that's all.

MONEY TO BE MADE.

Cash for Suggestions,
Anecdotes and Photographs.

\$20 For Suggestions.

We want, as we said in this column last month, to improve COMFORT, and we want to do it in a way that will suit our readers. We are now planning for next year. What improvement can you suggest? Write us and say what you think we ought to do to improve COMFORT—in its pictures, in its stories, in its various departments. We will give \$10 cash to the subscriber sending in the best suggestion and \$5, \$3 and \$2 each to the three next best—in all \$20. Only subscribers to COMFORT are eligible to compete. Suggestions should be short and to the point, and under 100 words in length. Say which of the present features and departments you like best. Say which you don't like. Say what you would like that we now haven't got. They must reach us before the 10th of each month and should be addressed:

Suggestion Editor,
COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

We Pay for Anecdotes.

COMFORT wants good anecdotes of people or things, local, state or national and will pay for them. Every reader of COMFORT knows some good short anecdote about some person or place, and if he or she will tell it in writing and submit it to us, the money will be paid promptly for it if it is acceptable. Literary excellence is not asked for—the story is the thing, but it must be a story that has never been printed. We want something new. Some of those interesting things that never get beyond the small circle of talkers unless somebody writes them.

For such stories COMFORT will pay one cent a word if the story is 100 words or less in length, and one-half a cent a word beyond the 100 word limit. That is, a story of fifty words will bring the writer fifty cents, 100 words a \$1.00, and 150 words, \$1.25.

Now men and women, COMFORT readers, professional writers and everybody else who can tell a story get out your pencils and give yourselves a chance to earn some extra money.

Address Anecdote Editor,
COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

\$1.00 EACH for PHOTOS.

COMFORT wants photographs of interesting People, Places and Things. They may be of historical houses, monuments, localities, graves, churches, trees, bridges, or anything else that has more than a mere local interest. There is something of this sort in almost every community where there are COMFORT readers. If not of such interest, there may be things that are peculiar and which are not found elsewhere, from a double headed calf to a chicken with four legs or some person who has done something extraordinary. We especially want photographs of men or women who are 100 years old or upwards.

Now you know what we want, and if you have a camera of your own and can take the photograph, or can get one any other way, and will send it to us, we will give you ONE DOLLAR for it, if acceptable, and you write enough description with it so those who see it when we print it will know what it is. Any size photograph will answer, if it is very sharp and clear, but we prefer them not less than 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches. In many cases you can buy in the stores or from the local photographer pictures that will answer our purpose. LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS THEMSELVES MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE A DOLLAR OR TWO BY LOOKING INTO THIS OFFER. COMFORT wants the pictures and their description and will not be at all exacting. If the matter can be used at all, you may be sure of getting your dollar, and getting it promptly for anything we accept.

Address
Picture Editor Comfort, Augusta, Maine.



1. Chas. L. Fair.



2. Mrs. Fair.



3. Santos-Dumont



4. Crown Prince Frederick.



5. Miss Deacon.



6. Gen. Sigel.



7. Sir Thomas Lipton.

1, 2. The automobile is still doing its deadly work, and at the same time every factory in this country and abroad is working over time to supply the demand. The latest victims were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Fair, who were instantly killed near Trouville, France, by their auto. dashing into a team by the roadside. Mr. Fair was the son of the late Senator Fair of Colorado, and the brother-in-law of W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Herman Oelrichs of New York. He was a multi-millionaire.

3. This country had been expecting to see the famous Santos-Dumont fly his balloon from Brighton Beach to New York City, in August, a distance of ten or twelve miles, but all of a sudden, a week or so before the flying, the young balloonist left suddenly for Europe. He claimed that the price to be paid, \$20,000, was not forthcoming, and those in charge of the exhibition claim that the money was ready and they do not know why he left the country as he did. He will appear at the St. Louis Exposition just the same.

4, 5. Nothing has so disturbed the Emperor of Germany and set all the court circles to gossiping as the stories told of the Crown Prince Frederick William's proposition to surrender his rights to an American girl, Miss Gladys Deacon, daughter of the late E. P. Deacon, who killed a Frenchman named Abeille, some years ago, for making love to his wife. The Crown Prince has caused his father all sorts of trouble by his attentions to Miss Deacon. It is said that he has offered to marry her, "morganatically," as royal persons marry those out of their rank, but Miss Deacon is a true American and will not have the Prince except as his recognized wife. The Prince in the mean time has been locked in his room, and the Emperor is keeping a guard over him. Miss Deacon is a beautiful young woman, and extremely popular at all the courts of Europe.

6. In the stirring times of 1861-65, the watchword, "I fight mit Sigel," was known wherever there were soldiers, and Gen. Franz Sigel was one of the best-known officers in the Union army. He has been lost in the great time of peace, and outside of New York City he has scarcely been heard of since the war. He died at his home, New York, in August, after a long illness, aged 78. He leaves a widow and several children. He came to America in 1852, after a stormy career as a German revolutionist. He raised a regiment of Germans in 1861, and entered the army as its Colonel. He was one of the hardest fighters in the field, and he became a Major General. He retired shortly after the surrender of Lee owing to ill health.

7. Sir Thomas Lipton, the English yachtsman and good fellow, who has tried so valiantly to win our American cup with his Shamrock, came near being an automobile victim recently. He was speeding near London when the machine skidded on the street car rails and was smashed, but Sir Thomas was not seriously injured. His escape was very narrow. On the same day the Sultan of Morocco went into a stone wall with his machine and was badly shaken up. The auto. seems to be ruler of rulers on land and sea.

8. The Shah of Persia has been paying a visit to the King of England, and while all honors are shown to him, the Shah is not a welcome visitor. He is accustomed too much to having things his own way, and he does not seem to understand that visitors must defer

Portraits and Paragraphs of People Prominent in the Public Prints.

somewhat to their host. He made King Edward wait an hour for him because he was afraid to let his train go more than twenty miles an hour, and he does other things not more polite. He had never been on the sea until he crossed over to England, and at first he was afraid to go aboard ship, but did so at last, and proved to be quite a sailor. He wears jewels sufficient on all occasions to start a jewelry store, and he fairly blazes with all kinds of precious stones on state occasions.

9. Not many men in penitentiaries as convicts write novels, but Ellery P. Ingham, former U. S. District Attorney, convicted of bribery in a revenue stamp counterfeiting case and sent to the Pennsylvania state prison for two years has done so. His novel is "At The Point of the Sword," and is historical. He was released last Christmas and asserts his innocence. He worked on his book all the time he was in prison, until he broke down in health.

10. Another American wedding which will interest the people of this country is that of Miss Vivian Sartoris, daughter of Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, and granddaughter of the late General Grant, our greatest general. The groom is Mr. Frederick Roosevelt Scovel, son of the Chevalier Scovel, a French singer, who married Miss Maria Roosevelt, a cousin of President Roosevelt. The wedding took place August 28th, at Coburg, Can., where Mrs. Sartoris spends her summers.

11. Once upon a time nobody owned a baseball club, and the national game was really a national affair, but in these days when somebody owns everything in bunches, called Trusts, even the baseball clubs are owned, and a scheme is being engineered by Col. J. T. Brush of Philadelphia, a baseball magnate and owner of several clubs, to consolidate the National and American Leagues and make a Trust of the whole business of professional playing. If Col. Brush is successful he will probably be the leading baseball man of the country.

12. About five years ago the world of men, women and science was more or less astonished by a book written by Dr. Leopold S. Schenck of Vienna, called "The Determination of Sex." After thirty years of study Dr. Schenck wrote the book and made the statement that he could determine the sex of children before birth, and that boys or girls might be born as parents desired. A great many people of the highest prominence were interested and Dr. Schenck became famous. But his theories were not altogether correct and he lost favor and finally went back into obscurity, and lost his place as Professor in the Vienna University. He died in August, at Schwanberg, Syria.

13, 14. Those who have the most money are not the most free from trouble. One of the richest and most fashionable of Americans is James J. Van Alen, of New York. Not long ago one of his daughters married a man against her father's wishes, and two weeks later, Robert

Remington, a New York business and society man killed himself at Newport by shooting in the mouth, because of worry over the loss of Miss May Van Alen, the oldest daughter, who inherited six million dollars through her mother, one of the Astor family. They were engaged and she broke the engagement because he showed signs of losing his mind.

15. Mrs. Hannah E. Nelson, of Newmarket, N. J., who has always lived in a plain way, working hard for a living as a young woman, is now likely to become a millionairess. Her daughter was Mrs. Chas. L. Fair, who with her husband, was killed in an automobile accident in France, and her property goes to her mother. Mrs. Nelson will get more than a million dollars in any event, but if it is shown that Mr. Fair died before his wife, then the whole estate will go to the heirs of Mrs. Fair, and this amounts to eight or ten millions. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good.

16. It is not often that the Governor of one state cannot visit another state for fear of being arrested, but that was the recent experience of Gov. Kimball of Rhode Island. A bench warrant was issued for him by a New York Court, on complaint of A. F. Power of the New England Manufacturers' Association. Mr. Power claims malicious prosecution and put his damages at \$150,000. The trouble was about business matters. Gov. Kimball staid away from Newport.

17. Americans have too much of the strenuous life. They make wrecks of themselves by overwork whenever they have the opportunity. During the past year or two, no man has been more talked of than Charles M. Schwab, President of the "Billion Dollar" Steel Company, and the tremendous work he accomplished. In less than twenty-five years he had risen from a position of \$2.50 a week as a store boy to the Presidency of the great steel company at a salary said to be one million dollars a year. He has made millions, and was still at it, when the blow came, and now at the age of forty, he must quit all his business and take absolute rest, or become a mental wreck with only a short time to live. Nature will assert herself.

18. Several years ago America lost one of her richest young women, Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt of New York City. She became the wife of the Duke of Marlborough, and went to live in England, her money doing much to restore the ancient ducal palaces of the Marlboroughs. As the Duchess she became very popular, and she remained on the other side until a few weeks ago when she returned to this country on a visit. She had been expecting to have a gay time socially, but the death by automobile of Mr. Fair in France, whose sister is Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., made many changes in her social engagements.

19, 20. Some years ago Charles L. Tripler claimed to have made the discovery of liquefying the air at a cost to make it commercially valuable as a power for machinery. A company was organized to manufacture liquid air, and hundreds of people put their money into it. The company was capitalized at ten millions of dollars, two of the leading spirits being Stephen W. Dorsey of the Star Route scandals of twenty years ago, and Senator Jones of Nevada, whose reputation was good. The company failed to make good its promises, stockholders began to demand their money, and now the whole thing is in the courts.



14. Miss May Van Alen



15. Mrs. Hannah E. Nelson.



16. Gov. Kimball.



17. Charles M. Schwab.



18. Duchess of Marlborough.



19. Stephen W. Dorsey.



20. Senator Jones.

Fun and Philosophy

By Comfort's Own Fun Maker.

October.

The middle one of Autumn's months
Is certainly a hummer.
With one edge next to Winter time,
And t'other next to Summer.

What profiteth a man if he gain the whole world
and have a disordered liver?

A Woman's View.

"Think of it, my dear," said Mr. Closefist, laying down his newspaper, "there are more than two thousand million dollars in circulation in this country?"
"Is that so?" replied his wife, cheerfully. "Well, judging from the difficulty I always experience in getting you to give me a quarter, I thought there wasn't more than three dollars and a half in the whole world."

To a Widow.

My heart has always gone a-Miss
And lost so many blisses,
That I am fearing loss in this,
Because it's full of Mrs.

Fortune knocks once at every man's door, but
he's often asleep inside and doesn't hear.

Not a Chip of the Old Block.

"A rolling stone gathers no moss," wisely remarked Mr. Mossback to his frisky son.
"If you are hinting at me, Dad," replied the young man, "I can say that I don't have to gather any. You've got enough on your back to supply the entire community."

A Sweet Sentiment.

What is home without a mother?
It is something free from strife's
Disturbing spirit, if the mother
Is your wife's.

Not a Parvenu.

The elegant Mosquito
Told the Landlord that she thought
He—the Landlord—wasn't doing
Exactly as he ought.

In providing high-toned persons
Of the most exclusive brands
To meet the said mosquitoes
Epicurean demands.

The Landlord grew quite huffy:
"What right," said he, "have you
To come around objecting
To anything I do?
I don't see any reason
Why you should claim to be
Fastidious in matters
Of high society."

"That's all you know about it,"
The insect answered quick;
"And I desire to say, sir,
I have a right to kick,
Because, sir, when I visit
Society's domains
The blood of our best people
Commingles in my veins."

L'Envoi.

And the Landlord
Took in his sign
Which read:
NO MOSQUITOES.

Wealth's Comforts.

The Millionaire—"Is your friend very rich?"
Doctor—"Not so very; just comfortably rich, you know."
The Millionaire—with a sigh: "Comfortably rich, eh? Well, I wish I was that rich."

If promises paid debts all of us would be rich.

In the Boarding House.

Landlady—in surprise: "Why, Mr. Mugs, you are putting butter in your coffee, and here's plenty of milk."

Mr. Mugs—"Yes, but I'm trying to strike an average."

Landlady—"An average? Whatever do you mean, Mr. Mugs?"

Mr. Mugs—"Well, you see the coffee is so weak and the butter is so strong."

Not Altogether Bad.

A little honor now and then,
Is relished by the worst of men.

By Other Fun Makers.

A Pair.

Hapley—There seemed to be some excitement at your house last night.
Popley (dejectedly)—Yes, we had a deuce of a time.

Hapley—A deuce of a time, eh?
Popley—Yes; twins. —Philadelphia Press.

A stitch in time is worth two in the side.
—Pittsburg Dispatch.

How He Played.

Blobbs—He plays the piano entirely by ear.
Slobbs—It sounds as though he played it with his feet. —Philadelphia Record.

The barber stands alone among tradesmen in that an appearance of being busy doesn't help his trade.
—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Also True.

"How little we really know about our neighbors, after all," said the young wife, musingly.
"Yes," replied her husband; "and how much they seem to know about us." —Judge.

Proof.

Judge—What proof have you that this man was drunk?

Officer—He stopped his automobile at a watering trough for horses. —N. Y. Herald.

Before marriage a man yearns for a woman; after marriage he earns for her. —Chicago News.

As Advertised.

Star Boarder—Look here, madam! When I came here you advertised that you had an excellent table.

Landlady—So I have, Mr. Jenkins. That table is of the best quartered oak. —Baltimore News.

If boys had the running of the world some of us grown-ups would have to do some humping. —Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Rural Parisian.

Joshua—And Jake's got back from Paris. They say he's fearfully stuck up over his trip. First man in the hull county that ever crossed the ocean.
Judson—Yes; but don't it make you tired the way that blamed gillie went and put 50 cents worth of hartshorn in his hard cider to make it taste like absinthe? —Judge.

A Late Reminder.

Doctor—I am afraid, my friend, that you must have been taking something that hasn't agreed with you.

Patient—Very true, doctor, but it's too late to remedy that now; I was married 15 years ago. —Richmond Dispatch.

She ought to go on Wall Street,
And there should play her part;
She promised nineteen fellows
A corner in her heart.

—N. Y. Sun.

JACK HARKAWAY

Out West Among the Indians.

BY BRACEBRIDGE HEMING.

Copyright, 1902, by W. H. Gannett, Publisher.

NEW EDITION.

CHAPTER I.

JACK MAKES NEW FRIENDS.

Should you ask me whence these stories? Whence these legends and traditions, With the odors of the forest, With the dew and damp of meadows, With the curling smoke of wigwams, With the rushing of great rivers, With their frequent repetitions, And their wild reverberations, As of thunder in the mountains? I should answer, I should tell you, From the forest and the prairies, From the great lakes of the Northland, From the land of the Ojibways, From the land of the Dakotas, From the mountains, moors, and fenlands, Where the heron, the Shuh-shuh-gah, Feeds among the reeds and rushes.

"HALT!" It was the voice of Sublette, the guide. For ten days Jack Harkaway's party had been traveling over the prairie, and had left Cheyenne City some distance behind them.

Making an average of thirty miles a day, they had traversed Nebraska, crossed several important rivers, among them the Platte, the Niobrara, or l'Eau qui Court, and the White Earth, entering the country of the Sioux in Dakota.

The guide's exclamation was the signal for "nooning."

Jack Harkaway was dressed in an entire suit of buckskin; he rode his horse Lightning, was armed with his rifle Grim Death, as well as a pair of revolvers and a bowie.

Springing from the saddle, he slipped the bridle off his horse, and threw a stout lariat round his neck, which he fastened to a peg in the ground. The mule which carried the stores was treated in a similar manner by the Frenchman, Varney Bonneau, who, owing to Monday's illness, had taken the place of "head cook and bottle-washer" to the expedition.

Billy Shoot-dead and Hank Smith were Jack's body guard, and they threw themselves down and lighted their pipes, smoking in stolid silence.

"That is ver good," exclaimed Varney Bonneau, surveying the horse and mule, after he had fixed them in a position where the grass waved high. "If ze sacre Indians come into our corral, I guess ve can show them how to shoot, by gar!"

He proceeded to light a fire, over which huge chunks of dried venison were soon cooking.

A keg carried by the mule supplied water, and in another small cask was cold tea, which was highly relished by the men as a thirst-quencher, and indeed nothing better could have been taken under a hot sun.

Sublette, the guide, came up to Harkaway, and said, in a low tone:

"Tonight I reckon to reach the place where I left Mr. Hunston."

"It is about time," replied Jack.

"Should he be dead from the effects of his wounds, you will not blame me?"

"Certainly not."

"I have done my best to guide you to him without delay."

"That is so," said Jack, "and if he is alive or dead, providing I get the valuable papers he has of mine, I will reward you handsomely."

"Of course that is understood," replied Sublette.

As he turned away, there was a subdued smile on his thin lips, which escaped the notice of Harkaway, who had joined Hank and Billy Shoot-dead.

The former was looking through a glass at some object in the distance, which he regarded with considerable interest.

"What can you see?" asked Jack.

"Injun," replied Hank, curtly.

"Where away?"

"On the prairie, yonder."

"Give us hold," said Billy Shoot-dead. "I can't see no Injuns."

"Air yer blind as well as foolish?" answered Hank, with a grunt of contempt. "Do yer s'pose I can't tell Injun when I see them?"

"I know you're a mighty big hunter, and can tell a most anything with the naked eye," said Billy; "but you see I aren't no child."

"Wal, what's yer opinion of them black specks over to windward?"

"Them's a buffler."

"So air you a buffler!" replied Hank, with a loud laugh. "I am ready to swow that what yer can see is Injun."

"P'raps yer can tell what tribe they belong to," said Billy Shoot-dead.

"I can so. They's Apaches."

"Not by a long chalk. You don't get the Apaches up in the territory, unless they're on a raid," said Billy.

"Wall, I guess that's just what's the trouble."

Billy Shoot-dead took a long look in the direction first indicated by Hank, and was at last, much to his chagrin, obliged to admit that what he had taken to be buffalo were, in reality, a band of mounted Indians.

These however, did not venture to approach the whites. Perhaps they did not perceive them. At any rate, they wheeled about their horses, and soon disappeared on the verge of the horizon.

"The red pison's gone," said Hank with a grunt of satisfaction, "and I can't say I'm at all sorry. Wal, boys, I reckon it's time to be movin'. Look smart, Monsieur Bonneau, and let's be making tracks."

In a short time the party were again in motion.

Jack called Sublette to his side, and said:

"In what direction are we going?"

"I reckon," replied the guide, "that in four hours we shall strike the south fork of the Big Cheyenne River."

"Do we cross it?"

"No. Our path lies on this side, towards the region of the Black Hills."

"That is the very heart of the Sioux country," said Jack, a little nervously.

"You are right. It was there Mr. Hunston

met with his wound, and I was obliged to leave him where he fell, in charge of some friendly Indians," answered Sublette, coolly.

Jack said nothing more, though he looked carefully ahead, fearful of a surprise.

He had gone too far to retreat, and if Sublette contemplated treachery, all he could do was to guard against being taken unawares.

The sun was sinking into the bosom of the fleecy western clouds when the party neared the banks of the Big Cheyenne River.

A dark, gloomy, apparently impenetrable forest came down to the edge of the river, stretching for half a dozen miles in length, and about two in depth.

From the woods issued strange noises.

Among these could be distinguished the howling of the wolf, the peculiar croaking of the tree-toads, the hoot of the owl, the shrill screech of the night-hawk, and, what was more alarming than all, the angry scream of the panther.

"See!" suddenly exclaimed Hank, "there's a deer on the edge of the forest."

Billy Shoot-dead raised his rifle, and was about to fire.

"Keep quiet," exclaimed Hank; "let the Colonel have the first shot. I want to see if he knows how to use his shooting-iron."

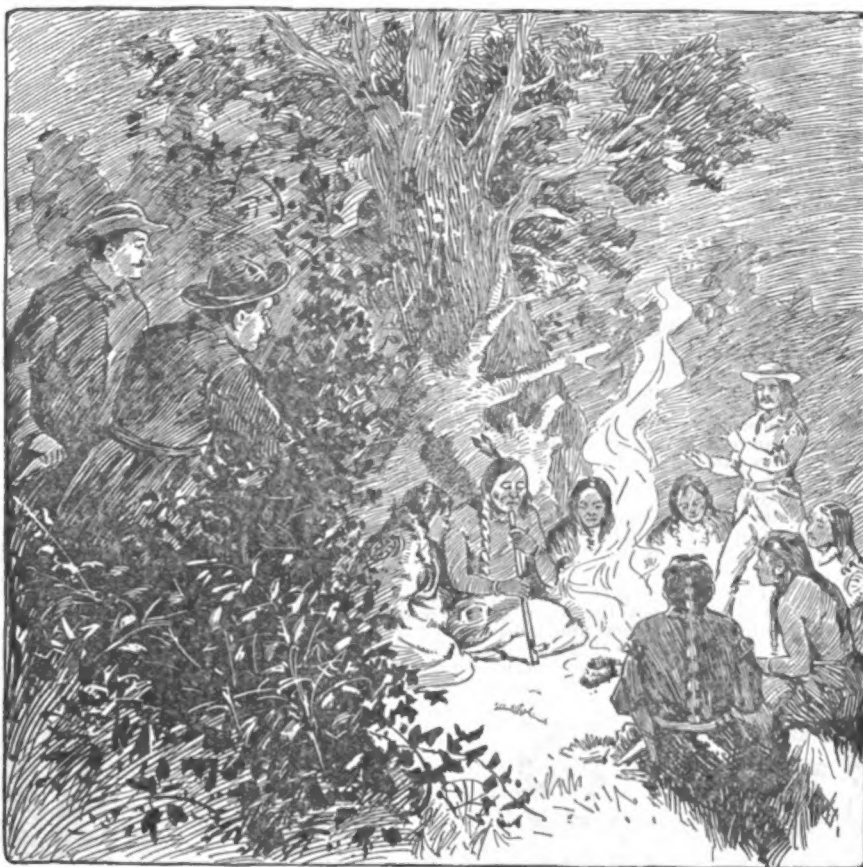
Jack steadied Lightning as soon as the game was pointed out to him, and raising Grim Death to his shoulder took a hasty aim.

There was a flash and a sharp crack.

The deer rolled over on its side, dead.

But at the same moment the sound of a second shot was heard.

Could it be an echo?



RAISING HIMSELF IN THE BRUSHWOOD, JACK BEHELD A SIGHT WHICH MADE HIS BLOOD TINGLE.

"Did you give him two bullets?" asked Hank.

"No," replied Jack, "I only fired one shot."

"That's what I'm a thinking, but I'll swow I heard two go off when the deer was keeled over."

"P'raps," said Billy Shoot-dead, "it's one of those extraordinary echoes as these woods is full of."

"Go to Oregon," replied Hank. "It worn't no echo. Not it."

Curious to set the matter at rest, Jack touched his horse with the whip, and rather imprudently galloped up to the spot where the deer had fallen.

He had scarcely reached it when a tall, gentlemanly young man stepped out of the wood and advanced to the same place.

Jack reined in his horse, and looking at the newcomer, exclaimed:

"My shot, I believe."

"We fired very much at the same time," answered the young man, "and I am vain enough to believe that my shot killed the deer, and that the venison is mine."

"I won't be positive," replied Jack.

"Nor I. The matter is easily settled. What bullet do you fire with?"

"A conical," replied Jack, taking a cartridge from his pouch and showing it.

"I use the old-fashioned round ball," said the stranger.

He took out his knife, and kneeling down by the deer, quickly began to skin it.

By this time the remainder of the party had come up, and showed great interest in the proceedings.

Fresh venison for supper was a treat which no one liked to forego, and the result of the examination was watched for with considerable curiosity.

At length the handsome young stranger began to cut up the deer.

In this process he came to the bullet, which he extracted, and held up to the light between his finger and thumb.

"It is your shot," he said.

The ball was conical in shape.

There was a slight air of chagrin and disappointment about him as he spoke.

His frank and genial manner won Jack's heart at once.

"The deer is yours," he added. "I am very sorry that I should have raised the question of proprietorship in the rather stubborn manner I did, but I hope you will excuse me when I tell you that I'm a new hand at hunting, and should have really felt proud if I had shot that deer."

"Better luck next time," said Jack. "However, you are perfectly welcome to half the beast, if you will honor me by accepting it."

"Oh! no, thank you," replied the stranger.

"I am well provisioned."

"Are you in camp about here?"

"Not far off. We have made camp in the woods, as we have been troubled by Sioux during the day. Did you meet Indians?"

"We saw a band of what we took to be Apaches in the morning; but they did not molest us in any way," answered Jack.

Billy Shoot-dead had been regarding the young stranger attentively for some time.

"Say," he said, "aren't you along with Captain Villard, the commander at Fort Sully?"

"Yes," was the reply. "I am his nephew."

"Wal, now," said Billy, "I thought I'd seen you in Cheyenne City, and when I set eyes on yer, the idea stuck as fast in my head as a bee in a boy's hair."

"I heard of you before I started," said Jack, much pleased at knowing who he was speaking to. "You are Mr. Lyle Leland, I believe?"

"That is my name," was the answer.

"My name is Harkaway," said Jack, "and I am proud to make your acquaintance. My journey is nearly ended, I am sorry to say, or I should have been glad to have had the pleasure of traveling with you."

"My uncle and myself, Mr. Harkaway, would have been delighted to have enjoyed your society," replied Lyle Leland.

"Wal," said Hank, "I guess you'd better bring the captain up and jine us in eatin' a chunk of this venison."

"Not a bad idea," answered Lyle Leland, with a smile. "Set to and cook it. Our camp is not far off. We will shift and join you, as you hospitably suggest."

He nodded gaily to Jack, and disappeared in the woods, having so marked the path by which he came that he had little or no difficulty in retracing his steps.

"Did you ever kill an Injun, cap?"

"Oh yes, I have killed several."

"Shake on that," said Billy, holding out his hand. "I've no sorter respect for the man who hasn't kill his Injun."

"The painted skunks—ugh! how I hate 'em!" exclaimed Hank.

"I've lost more'n one friend through them," continued Billy Shoot-dead. "Last fall, I heard as they'd tomahawked Long Sam Parsons. You'd better believe I swore a few. Lor! how I ripped and cursed when they told me that Long Sam had gone up."

Lyle Leland looked at Jack and said:

"Mr. Harkaway, will you take a stroll?"

"With pleasure," answered Jack.

Billy Shoot-dead was in the act of taking an enormous chew of tobacco.

Suspending the important operation, he exclaimed, in a familiar manner, peculiar to him:

"Look hyar, boys, I kinder cotton to yer, and if you'll take my warning, you'll not go far from camp."

"We'll look out, my friend," answered Lyle.

"The pesky varmints is about, and we've got to keep awake if we don't want our hair raised."

"All right, Billy," said Jack; "as you're so anxious about my hair, I'll promise you it shall not adorn the belt of a Sioux chief tonight, at all events."

The two young men strolled away together, keeping out of gunshot of the woods, and walking over the green, waving prairie grass.

"Don't it seem strange to you to be wandering on the confines of civilization in the boundless West?" asked Lyle Leland.

"Yes," replied Jack; "I can scarcely realize it, though my life has been a very adventurous one."

"I have not left Yale more than a year," said Lyle.

"You must be fond of adventures, or you would not be here."

"Not at all," exclaimed the young man, whose pensive countenance darkened. "I have been studying law, and, indeed, have a fine prospect before me, but I gave all up to come here."

"Why, may I ask, if the question is not an impertinent one?" said Jack.

Without knowing the reason, he began to take a great liking to the young American, who was as intelligent as he was handsome and gentlemanly.

"I will tell you with pleasure," replied Lyle Leland. "I had a brother, Valentine Leland, and a sister, Viola. They undertook a journey last fall to Fort Sully, where my uncle is stationed."

He paused abruptly and dashed a tear-drop from his eye.

"They arrived safely, I hope?" said Jack.

"On the contrary, they were never heard of, and to this day no trace of them has been discovered."

"That is sad."

"You see, Mr. Harkaway, that in quitting civilization and coming out here, I have only made up my mind to perform a simple duty."

"Quite so."

"If my brother and sister are dead, I will, to the best of my ability, avenge their murders. If they are held prisoners by the Indians, I will try to rescue them."

"It is a noble resolve, and I honor you for it," said Jack.

"I could not rest in Boston, where my home is," continued Lyle Leland, "when I thought of my dear Viola being in the power of the red fiends."

"No one could wonder at your being distressed."

"Well," said Lyle, trying to be a little more cheerful, "here I am, and I hope my journey will have some result."

"Are you going on to Fort Sully with Captain Villard?" inquired Jack.

"Yes. We intended to cross the Cheyenne River early tomorrow morning. You see, uncle is a very wealthy man, and will do all he can to aid me."

"That is well."

"I can have a portion of his command to accompany me in my researches."

"Does your uncle like his occupation?"

"Not very much. He is too good a soldier to grumble at the orders of his superiors, but he is not held in great favor at the War Department. I don't know how it is, but he has not been rewarded as he deserves. He should have been a general by this time, and he is still a simple captain."

Jack now understood why he felt interested in Lyle Leland. There was that animal magnetism between them which always exists between two noble spirits.

The romance which tinged the life of the young student, fresh from the academic shades of Yale, was of that class which throws a halo round a man.

What could be grander than his resolve to throw himself among the savages, in the hope of clearing up the mystery which hung over the fate of his brother and sister?

If he could help him at all in his search, Jack determined to do so.

The shades of night were fast falling as they returned to camp. Hank had piled fresh pine-knots on the fire. The others had wrapped themselves in their blankets; but the sturdy hunter, with his rifle across his knees, was on the lookout.

"It's my watch," he said, as Jack approached.

"Let me relieve you in a couple of hours," said Jack.

"Wal," answered Hank, "ef yer like to take the next spell yer welcome. I'll rouse yer up."

"Thanks," replied Jack. "I wish to take my turn with the rest of you, and you need not be afraid of leaving the safety of the camp in my hands."

"I aren't afeerd of you," replied Hank. "It's chaps like him I expect trouble from."

He jerked his arm in the direction of Sublette, as he spoke; but the guide had, to all appearance, already gone to sleep, and did not hear the remark.

Soon Lyle Leland and Jack were rolled in their blankets, and throwing themselves on the ground, fell into a deep slumber. Hank lighted his pipe, and kicking the logs into a blaze, walked up and down like a sentinel on guard. There was little danger of surprise while he was watching.

CHAPTER II.

SUBLETTE'S CONDUCT IS SUSPICIOUS.

Hank Smith was a firm believer in the equal distribution of labor, and when he had watched as long as he thought he ought to, he determined to wake up some one else. Harkaway's request that he might take his share with the rest occurred to him. He was about to rouse him, when Sublette rose up with a yawn, and exclaimed:

"They are a treacherous race."

"What are you doing, friend Smith?"

"Bout to wake the boss. I'm kinder inclined to get inside my blanket, seeing I've been on the look-out since you fellows took to snoring."

"Let me take a turn," answered the guide; "though what you've got to be afraid of I don't know."

"Wal," said Hank, "to start with, there's Injuns in plenty about."

"I'll keep a right smart look-out, never fear," answered Sublette.

Hank threw himself down to get to sleep, and the guide sat upon the trunk of a fallen tree, watching the sleepers with considerable eagerness. It happened that Jack had been roused by the conversation which had taken place between the hunter and guide, for the latter had spoken rather loudly in his defence of the Indians.

It seemed odd that Sublette, who was not at all of a self-sacrificing sort of nature, should volunteer to put himself on guard. Jack determined to keep from going to sleep again and to watch him.

The guide's intelligent face had contracted in the glimmering shadows, and it worked passionately, as he sometimes raised his arm and muttered to himself.

"All, all shril die at one swoop," Jack heard him say; "they sleep, never to wake again."

He gave one more searching look upon the slumbering party, and carrying his rifle at the trail, quitted the encampment, striking the forest a few hundred yards higher up, and disappearing in its gloomy depths. Jack rose instantly. He touched Hank on the shoulder.

"Get up, quickly," he said.

"What's got you, Colonel?" asked the hunter, rubbing his eyes.

"Sublette's gone off in the woods, and it's my opinion he's going to bring the reds down on us."

"That so?"

Jack hastily aroused Lyle Leland, to whom he repeated what he had seen and heard.

"Will you kindly wake the others," he said, "and keep as good a lookout as possible against a surprise?"

"Certainly—and you?"

"I intend to follow the guide if Hank, who is an old hunter and backwoodsman, will come with me."

"Good enough!" exclaimed Hank. "Did you see what direction the fellow's trail took?"

"Be smart," said Jack. "I can show you."

Jack led the way to where he had seen the guide disappear in the woods.

"It was somewhere about here," he said.

"Right. I see a path," replied Hank, bending down. "Let me go first. Keep close up to me, and go snake-like. Don't step on a dry twig, if you can help it, as the least sound may warn the skunks that we're on the trail."

It was very dark in the woods, and only an occasional gleam of moonlight penetrated through the dense foliage of oak and maple which towered over the scrub, which was chiefly made up of wild cherry crab, and brambles.

But a path, tolerably well defined, had been struck by Sublette.

The hunter argued in his own mind that the Indians were not far off, because Sublette would not run the risk of being long away from camp.

Someone might awake, and if he was missed his absence would excite suspicion in the minds of all.

After going in a laborious manner, sometimes on hands and knees, at others crawling on their stomachs, irritated by the switchings of twigs on the face, which flew as they were bent back, and bleeding from scratches innumerable, Hank reckoned they had traveled a mile and a half.

Suddenly he came to an abrupt halt.

"What is it?" whispered Jack. "Indians?"

"No, Colonel. It's water," was the reply.

"Then we have struck the banks of the river?"

"That's so."

"I did not know we were so near."

"Nor, I; but the Cheyenne makes a bend here, I reckon. Now we're here, let's hunt for a dug-out."

"If there's Injuns in camp anywhere near, there's a sartin to be a canoe or two not far off. Stay you there."

"Right," answered Jack.

He sat down upon the moss-covered trunk of a tree, looking out upon the moonlit river swiftly rushing down to join the mighty Missouri, some hundreds of miles off.

Soon he hoped to see Hunston, receive from him the deeds which would make him a rich man, and return to civilization and happiness. Man proposes, and God disposes.

Many months had to elapse before he had a chance of realizing these expectations. Months of hardship, exposure, danger, and privation.

Hank Smith was not gone more than ten minutes.

When he came back, he said:

"I've found the canoes—two of 'em, made of birch, not dug-outs, light as a feather. I guess I'll take the bearing of the spot, so that I can find it again, in case of need."

"You mean that the canoes will be useful if we are chased and want to make our escape?" said Jack.

"That's just the idea."

"What is the next move?"

"We'll keep on prospectin'. The path twists up to the right, and I fancy I can smell the smoke of a wood-fire."

They kept on in the way indicated by Hank, and re-entered the forest for the space of half a mile.

Then the hunter stopped again.

He held up his hand to urge extreme caution upon Harkaway, who almost held his breath.

Hank came back a step or two, and whispered:

"There they are. Look at the varmints. Rise up a little bit."

Raising himself up in the brushwood Jack beheld a sight which made his blood tingle.

For the first time in his life he looked upon Indians.

Sitting round a fire were about twenty Sioux, and amongst them was Sublette, the guide.

In the midst was an Indian nearly six feet three inches in height.

He wore splendid moccasins, richly ornamented with beads and colored quills. His hair was tied up, and had several feathers in it.

By his side lay a rifle of improved shape and make, which had killed many an unwary traveler.

In a belt he displayed a pair of pistols and a hunting knife with two edges.

"Mishe-mock-war," whispered Hank.

"Who is he?"

"The Great Bear. I didn't tell that thief Sub-

lette I knew him; but once he went near raisin' my wool. He's a big chief, you bet. Listen!"

Mishe-mock-war stretched out his hand for the pipe which had gone round the circle of warriors.

Jack had a good opportunity of noticing the Sioux Indians, who all had their colored blankets drawn closely around them.

A more savage, blood-thirsty, utterly villainous and ferocious set he had never set eyes on.

Sublette was talking earnestly.

"Come in the night time," he said, "and take the scalps of the travelers. Captain Villard is with them, and he's your enemy. I have promised to do this thing for my Indian brothers, and so I deliver them into your hands."

The Great Bear smoked slowly and silently for the space of a minute.

Then he spoke.

"Our brother says well," he said. "His voice is like music in my ears. We have dug up the hatchet and are on the war-path. The whites must die. My young men are eager for their scalps. It is many moons since my braves have tasted blood, and the hand of the Wankarusa has been heavy upon them."

There was a chorus of approval at this speech.

Jack whispered to Hank:

"Who is the Wankarusa?"

"Nobody knows," answered the same cautious voice.

"How?"

"For the last twelve months Indians have been found dead in all parts of Dakota; on their foreheads was a mark in the shape of a dagger—thus t. This is the mark of the man who kills the redskins, who has named him the Wankarusa."

"Why?" asked Jack.

"Because they say he has sworn to wade hip-deep in the blood of the reds; Wankarusa, in their language, signifying 'Hip deep.'"

"Then he has sustained some great injury at their hands."

"Nary doubt—shish! The guide's going to speak agin'."

"My brothers," said Sublette, "know my friend with one arm. They have spoken and eaten with him. He is a man, though his skin is white."

"Wagh! he is a man," answered the Great Bear.

"He is in the lodges of the Sioux," continued Sublette; "and the medicine men have said that he is to be the mate of Umentucken, the Mountain Lamb, who has lived in the lodges of the Sioux for twice six moons."

A young brave jumped at this, his eyes flashing angrily.

"One-arm is a great chief, but the Young Snake is much bigger. Umentucken, the Mountain Lamb, will enter no lodge unless she is the Squaw of the Young Snake. If Sublette says she will, he lies."

"That time is far off," interrupted Great Bear. "Young Snake is a brave, who will try to take the scalps of the white men. Masta Sheela (white man), very poor now. Let us hang his hair at our belts."

There was an emphatic grunt of approval, and the young chief, Young Snake, subsided into private life, though it appeared as if he was much concerned about Sublette's remark respecting Umentucken, the Mountain Lamb, whom he had especially devoted in his own mind as an ornament for his wigwam.

Jack remembered the conversation he had enjoyed with Lyle Leland.

He wondered if the Mountain Lamb, who had been only twice six moons with the Sioux, which, of course, meant six months, could be the sister whom Lyle mourned as lost.

Of Sublette's treachery there was no doubt whatever.

He was urging upon his friends, the redskins, immediate murder of the white men.

His conduct was as black and diabolical as his cowardly heart.

The allusion to "One-arm" made Jack think of Hunston, whom he supposed to be in some village of the Sioux.

That Jack had been led into a trap was as plain as daylight.

But, providently, he had got wind of the guide's intentions just in time.

The proposed massacre might yet be prevented, and a terrible revenge taken upon the wretch who suggested it.

"Hank," whispered Jack, "let's give it them red hot."

"Not much," replied the hunter. "See hyar, they outnumber us, and are all armed with modern rifles. If it came to be a case of red-hot fightin', we might get it as well as they."

"My fingers itch to fire."

"So does mine. You're young at scoutin' or you wouldn't be so anxious. Creep along after me and we'll get outer this."

Jack made no remonstrance, and slowly followed the hunter on the backward track.

"Hold on," said Hank, after they had gone a little way. "Can you see inter their camp?"

"Yes," replied Jack.

"They're a puttin' skins on them, aren't they?"

"It seems as if they were."

"And they've got bones in their hands. The consarned cusses are up to an old dodge."

"What's that?" inquired Jack.

"I'll tell yer when we get a little ways off. Let's strike straight for the prairie, and run up to camp. They'll come by the path we tuck in startin'."

Rising to their feet, the two men with difficulty pushed their way through the jungle-like wood, and at length reached the prairie. Their camp-fire could be distinguished, glimmering like a star some distance off.

"Run," said Hank; "we ain't got no time at all to lose."

They ran at the top of their speed until they got quite close to the camp.

"Now tell me," said Jack, "what the dodge is?"

"They're a-going to put on wolf-skins, and creep along. Those bones they've got in their hands they'll rattle till they make the noise of wolves snappin' their jaws, which is a common noise, and we shouldn't think nothin' of it."

"The artful beggars!" said Jack. "That would have taken me in."

"And it's taken a lot more'n yer in, Cap," replied Hank. "Yer reckon it's wolves a-gazin' at yer, and don't count it worth while to fire on 'em. All of a sudden up they gets with whoops and yells, and yer's tomyhawked to a man before yer know where yer har's gone ter."

In a short space of time they reached the camp, where all were awake, and anxiously expecting their return.

"Did you see anything of the Indians?" asked Captain Villard, anxiously.

"I reckon."

"Are they in force?"

THE "1900" BALL-BEARING WASHER FREE

Greatest Time, Labor and Expense Saver for the Home Ever Invented. Every Household Needs One.

No More Rubbing, Stopping, Boiling, Wearing Out of Clothes. Monday's Washing No Longer a Drudgery. Only Perfect Washer Made.



SENT
ABSOLUTELY
FREE

without Advance
Payment or De-
posit of any Kind,
Freight Paid, on 30
Days' Trial. May
be Returned Free
of Expense if not
Satisfactory.



The "1900" Ball-Bearing Washer is unquestionably the greatest labor-saving machine ever invented for family use. Entirely new principle. It is simplicity itself. It revolves on bicycle ball-bearings, making it by far the easiest running washer on the market. No strength required. No more stooping, rubbing, boiling of clothes. Hot water and soap all that is needed. It will wash large quantities of clothes (no matter how soiled) perfectly clean in six minutes.

The "1900" Washer will wash collars and cuffs, laces, cambrics and the most delicate materials perfectly clean and positively without tearing or wearing them out in the slightest degree. It will wash blankets, bedspreads, carpets, etc., just as easily and thoroughly.

The "1900" Washer not only prevents wear and tear, but it saves soaps, materials and a great deal of time and hard work. As shown in the illustrations, which are not at all exaggerated, with the "1900" Washer an ordinary wash may be finished at 9 A.M., while with the old-fashioned washboard it would take several hours longer and the work would be very much harder.

ABSOLUTE PROOF FROM USERS OF THE "1900" WASHER.

\$1,000.00 Will Be Paid to Any One Who Can Prove That Any of the Following Letters Are Not Genuine:

VERNA P. O., VIRGINIA, March 4, 1902.

GENTLEMEN—The "1900" Washer is the best, cleanest and easiest washer that I have ever seen. Clothes need no hand-rubbing whatever, as the machine cleans them better than by hand. All that is necessary is to have the water ready and the machine properly used does the rest. It is undoubtedly the best washing machine on the market.

GEORGE M. COUNCIL, Postmaster.

KANSAS CITY, MO., May 14, 1902.

I have given your washer a fair trial. It is the best washer I ever saw. It has washed our heavy blankets with perfect ease. I washed them last spring and rubbed more than an hour and yet they had to go through again, but the "1900" Washer cleaned them thoroughly clean. We do our washing so quick and have no tired and wornout feeling as of old. I wish every lady had a "1900" Washer.

MRS. J. L. BANNER, 4203 Troost Ave.

GOLDEN GATE, ILL., May 6, 1902.

Please find enclosed remittance for your washer. I cannot praise it too high. I don't see how I have done without it before. No more backache. It is a Godsend to weak women. Please accept my heartfelt thanks to you, for it is the first free trial I ever sent for that was indeed free.

MRS. CARRIE STAFFORD.

BUTLER, N. J., October 22, 1901.

Your washer is the best and easiest ever made. I never saw its equal. One of my sons, who is an engineer gets his over-clothes very dirty. They have been washed by your "1900" Washer just as clean as when they were new. It washes everything perfectly clean. It runs so easy that my little granddaughter did the first two tubs full. It is a marvel and I would not part with it for \$100. In two months it will pay for itself. Respectfully, MRS. MARTHA WITTY.

For catalogue and full particulars of this liberal and absolutely genuine offer, address

"1900" WASHER CO.,
142 C. STATE ST., BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

REMEMBER—You take absolutely no risk, incur no expense or obligation whatever. The washer is sent by us on 30 days' trial, freight prepaid going and coming, and positively without any advance or deposit of any kind.

"There's only a party of twelve or fifteen, as well as I could count; they'll be here 'most directly. Reckon I'll leave the Colonel to tell yer what's happened along."

"Sublette is a traitor," said Jack. "We came across a band of Indians, and heard him urge them to come and massacre us in our sleep."

"I wish I had some soldiers here," remarked Captain Villard. "If I had entertained any idea that the Indians were going to take the war-path, I wouldn't have quitted my post even to meet you, Lyle."

"I am sorry, sir," answered Lyle Leland, "if I have been the cause of any dereliction of duty on your part."

"Oh, no. I don't suppose I shall get into any trouble at Washington, but it is unfortunate that I should have led you into danger."

"Don't bother about me, uncle," replied Lyle. "I have come out here on a sacred mission, and must have met the Indians sooner or later. Better soon than late, perhaps."

"Let Mr. Harkaway tell us what is really to be expected," said Captain Villard.

Jack related what they had heard, and how the Sioux, under Mishe-mock-war, and instigated by the double-dyed treachery of Sublette, were about to creep upon them in the guise of wolves.

"If that Sublette comes across me," said Billy Shoot-dead, "you bet I'll form myself into a vigilance committee, and string him up to the first tree."

"I certainly think he has forfeited his life," rejoined the captain; "and we should be justified in taking it, on the principle of self-preservation being the first law of nature."

Scarcely had the captain finished speaking than the individual referred to suddenly appeared upon the scene.

He looked astonished at seeing them all awake, and his cheek seemed to get a shade paler.

"Say, boys," he said, "you're stirring early. It isn't sunrise yet."

"It's sunset for you," answered Hank, springing upon him, and grasping him by the throat before he could draw a knife or revolver.

Sublette offered no resistance, which he saw was useless; his hands fell by his side; he allowed them to be bound behind him by Billy Shoot-dead, with a piece of cord, and drew a deep breath when Hank's fingers quitted their grip of his windpipe.

That something was wrong he quickly perceived.

But he was far from guessing how serious an aspect affairs had assumed for him during his absence.

Note:—This interesting story will be continued in the November number of COMFORT. If your subscription expires this month do not fail to send in your renewal subscription or you will miss the November number, as all old subscriptions are promptly removed on expiration.

4 FREE EDUCATION

The Directors of the Correspondence Institute of America have decided to award a limited number of Free Tuition contracts in the following courses for home study: Illustrating Cardature, Advertisement-Writing and Management, Journalism, Proofreading, Book-keeping, Stenography and Practical Electricity. No tuition fee will be required until our institution has educated you and secured for you a position. Write for application blank and mention the course which interests you.

CORRESPONDENCE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, Box 714, Scranton, Pa.

PLAYS

Best List of New Plays. 325 Nos. Dialogues, Speakers, Hand Books, Catalog free. T. S. DESIMON, Pub., Dept. A Chicago

SPECTACLES

at wholesale, Send for catalogue. Agents wanted. COULTER OPTICAL CO., Chicago, Ill.

I Can Sell Your Farm

no matter where it is. Send description, state price and learn how. Est. '96. Highest references. Offices in 14 cities. W. M. Ostrander, 1645 N. A. Bldg., Philadelphia

Please mention COMFORT when you write.

ELECTRIC FLASH-LIGHT LAMP

WONDERFUL INVENTION

Entirely new. Practical 16 candle power lamp. Not a toy. Always ready. Non-Explosive. No kerosene or gasoline used. Lasts a life-time. Sample sent postpaid on receipt of 10 cents. Address:

EMPORIUM SUPPLY CO., CHICAGO.

Please mention COMFORT when you write.

375 WATCH & CHAIN & CASE \$3.75

THIS IS A GENUINE \$50 GOLD WATCH in appearance, magnificent full engraved double hunting case, stem wind and set.

ACCURATE RUBY JEWELLED WORKS which is guaranteed for 25 YEARS.

Send this to us and we will send the WATCH & GOLD CHAIN & SILK PULCH CASE C.O.D. \$3.75 & express charges to examine. If as represented pay \$3.75 & express charges & it is yours. Write if you want Ladies or Gentle watch.

STANDARD WATCH CO., Dept. 46, Chicago

Please mention COMFORT when you write.

All-Wool Suit

\$500

MAN'S SUIT made from rich black all-wool cassimere, woven by America's best woolen mill from fine picked wool yarn, dyed by the latest non-fading process, famous for its perfect weave and beautiful finish. Expert suit tailors will make the suit in latest sack style to fit perfectly. Line it with fine Farmer's satin or serge and sew it with pure silk and linen thread. Workmanship, style and quality are guaranteed. Send today for our

FREE CLOTHING CATALOG or send 5c to help pay mailing charges and we will send free our booklet containing almost 100 cloth samples of men's ready-to-wear and made-to-order suits, trousers, overcoats and ulsters, mackintoshes, cravattes and men's winter underwear at prices ranging for suits from \$4.00 to \$25.00, trousers from \$1.50 to \$7.00 overcoats and ulsters from \$4.75 to \$22.00, mackintoshes and cravattes from \$1.50 to \$18.00 and men's winter underwear from 40c to \$2.50. Don't wait but write today.

JOHN M. SMYTH CO. 150 to 166 & 285 to 289 W. Madison St., Chicago

We Ship C. O. D. Subject to Examination

Love, the Sleuth.

Hearts vs. Detectives in the "Great Purinton Mill Mystery."

BY HOLMAN F. DAY.

Copyright, 1902, by W. H. Gannett, Publisher.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

(Caleb Brett, an aged and prominent citizen of Mansfield village drew a considerable sum of money from the bank on a certain forenoon and was seen to enter Purinton's mill on the edge of the village. He did not reappear and later a searching party found his old beaver hat on a slab pile at the foot of a sluice leading from the upper part of the mill where he had entered. It was considered probable that the old man had come to his death by falling down the sluice. The strange part of the affair was that the body had been removed by persons unknown—admitting the presumption that he was really dead. Several persons were in the mill at or near the time he was seen to enter. His nephew, George Brett, with whom he had been having trouble about the young man's proposed marriage to a girl below him in social standing; Arthur Wing, the village printer and a suitor for the squire's grand-daughter, a young man obnoxious to the squire; Daniel Purinton, owner of the mill and one who was intending to borrow from the old man that day. After some weeks both George Brett and Arthur Wing were arrested on suspicion of having been concerned in the old man's taking off. Brett was released on small bonds after certain testimony seemed to throw the burden of the matter on Wing. At the hearing granted to Wing before a local trial justice a small boy brought in a note signed by Caleb Brett, apparently, but written by another hand. In the note the squire declared that he was still alive. The note bore such resemblance to the old man's handwriting that the justice refused to release Arthur Wing and ordered him committed. He was carried to jail. The detectives on both sides of the case then hunted up the boy who had brought the note. He proved to be the son of "Rubberboot" Higgins, a village uicer do well. The boy claimed that the note had been given to him in the woods by a man who was disguised. To Detective Ordwell he stated his suspicion that the unknown man was Purinton, proprietor of the mill. But to the other officers he hinted that he believed the man to be Meander Wing.)

CHAPTER VI.

"NEPHEW GEORGE, HOW DID YOUR UNCLE'S PAPERS COME TO BE IN YOUR DESK?"

DURING the week following the sensational appearance of that mysterious "Caleb Brett note" in the local court room the detectives on both sides of the case nearly spoiled their eyesight. They were studying chirography. Each had a photographed copy of the letter that "Rubberboot" Higgins' boy had handed up to the presiding justices. With this letter Detective Ordwell patiently compared samples of the handwriting of Daniel Purinton. The State detectives were equally assiduous in striving to find some resemblance between Meander Wing's hand and the writing in the mysterious note. All the parties regretfully decided if comparison showed any resemblance either way that resemblance was too faint to carry the least weight. But they sent, each his budget, away to chosen experts in the city hoping that professional examination would reveal some hidden likenesses.

The elder Wing now more bowed, more broken, more shambling, pursued Detective Ordwell until the latter rather bridled under the constant espionage of the old man and was nettled by his constant questioning laments.

"It won't do you any good to chase me around town in this manner, Mr. Wing," said the detective. "I know it is hard for you to feel that your son is in jail. The fact that I believe in common with many other people that he is there unjustly doesn't help your feelings very much and I understand it. But I am doing all I can and really you interfere with my work and my thoughts, following me up as you do."

"I suppose so, Mr. Ordwell," replied the old man resignedly and piteously. "I'll try not to bother you any more."

But the old printer couldn't remain in his office. He would stand for a while with composing stick in hand, meditatively poking with blackened finger among the dusty letters in the case and then absent-mindedly would throw back the type he had been sticking and start for the door, shambling along in his slippers. Half way down the street he would seem to recover his mind and would hurry back to the office and resume work shamefacedly. But ere another half hour had elapsed he would again be staring from the window.

"While this thing is hangin' fire as it is," said the foreman one day. "I wouldn't try to work if I was you, Mr. Wing. It hain't right for ye to try to. Ye might lose your grip altogether and that would be mighty bad for the boy. He needs ye. Take my advice and lay right off and we'll git along in the office somehow. I'll git in another boy to help the apprentice and we'll worry along first rate till the clouds clear off."

The foreman asked the apprentice if he knew of any available boys in the village and the apprentice said that all the boys were in school except Chas. Higgins, and as for him he never went to school nowadays. Therefore one day the foreman accosted the scion of Rubberboot Higgins as he was passing the door and after a few moments' conference attached him to the mechanical staff of the Mansfield Mirror.

After the foreman had failed to induce young Higgins to go after "a round square" and had been sneeringly informed that there "was no sech thing as a type-louse," it was agreed to by the laborers in the office of the Mansfield Mirror that Rubberboot Higgins' boy wasn't as green as he looked. And a not inconsiderable evidence of his shrewdness was the fact that he steadily refused to be inveigled into any office chat about the personality of the stranger who gave the mysterious note to him.

Every day or so one of the state detectives would meet the Higgins boy behind the hotel horse sheds and receive a report as to the latest doings and sayings of Wing the elder. Then the Higgins boy modestly accepted the regular half dollar tip. Detective Ordwell, working away on various suppositions regarding Daniel Purinton, was equally liberal with the Higgins boy.

In the meantime no one seemed to be extracting much real information regarding the Caleb Brett mystery.

Detective Ordwell was somewhat crusty when Meander Wing timidly accosted him one day asking if anything had "come up."

"As I told you before, Mr. Wing," said the detective, "there is nothing to do but wait for the report from the handwriting expert. So far as I see the note bears no resemblance to Purinton's handwriting. But we must see what the professor has to say. There's nothing till then."

It was shortly after this conversation that old man Wing, rendered desperate by the delay and the continued suspicion resting on his son, went to the mill resolved to have a talk with Daniel Purinton. He hardly knew what he expected to achieve or what his suspicions were but he was suddenly inflamed with an old man's choler and determination to make some move.

"Daniel," said he, when the two were seated in a dark corner of the mill, away from chance callers, "I don't want ye to get mad with me but just consider that I'm an old man like yourself and that I have a boy that I think more of than I do of my own life. You and I have always been good friends and I don't believe you want to see me die in sorrow. You haven't got many more years anyway. You don't want to see a young life ruined, do ye?"

"What are you driving at?" demanded Purinton with some asperity.

"Don't you, so help you God, know anything more about how Cale Brett stepped out?"

"If anyone else but you said that to me, Men," growled Purinton, "I'd cuff his head up to a peak and then knock the peak off. But I really do think that you have got kind of daffy over this bus'ness." He regarded Wing with a look wherein indignation and pity mingled.

"But you hain't gainsayin' that there are about as many suspicious things against you as against my Arthur," persisted Wing. Then he stood up and his voice broke in a wail. "For God's sake, Dan, for the sake of our old friendship, if you know anything about this case that will help my poor boy out—for the sake of a poor old man, sorrowing and alone, come out like a man and tell it and let the axe fall where it may."

"I can see what ye've got in your mind, Meander," said Purinton, "and it hain't in any way complimentary to me because I was in the mill that day waiting to get money from Squire Brett to pay my debts and because I have since paid those debts with money that came from a place that this village don't know about and because you think I might have been the one that paid the torn bill of Brett's into the Mirror office, you have kind of made up your mind that I can tell you more about the mystery. I can hardly blame you, Meander, for I know you are all worked up about the matter. But I am going to hold my temper though you know that most any other man would get up and flam you for insinuating the things you have."

"I have known you a long time, Wing," Purinton went on. He placed his knotted hand on the other's worn alpaca sleeve. "And you have known me. You never knew me to do a mean act. You never knew me to tell a lie. I swear to you now before High Heaven that I never saw Squire Brett in that mill that day, dead or alive. I never had a cent of his money. I'll tell you privately, Meander, that the money I used to pay off my debts I got of old Hen Hanson. He didn't want me to tell where I got it for he wants to dodge taxes. He gave a discount on interest if I wouldn't tell where I got it. I have given my word and I'm going to keep it even with that old skinflint, till the law drives me to open up. But I'm not going around telling to satisfy public curiosity in this village not by long shot. And I tell you only for reasons that you will understand. Now don't you believe me?"

Wing sat with his head in his hands for a long time and then he answered with a half-growl. "Yes, Daniel, I can see that I and the others have misjudged you."

Purinton surveyed the melancholy old man with a rather satirical smile. "I can see, Meander, that ye are sort of sorry that I didn't do the thing," he said. "But I can't help that."

"Don't talk that way, Daniel, my old friend," expostulated Wing falteringly. "But every way I look and every thing I follow down ends in disappointment and everything is dark before me. Poor Arthur!"

There was silence for a few minutes. Purinton scraped meditatively under his broad thumb nail with a silver. "Well," he mused aloud, "whatever was done to Cale Brett in that mill was done almighty quick. He wasn't in sight when I got there and I'm almost willing to take my oath that he wasn't on that pile of slabs, either. Of course I didn't pay especial attention when I walked past to go to the flume but if he had been there I'm willing to bet that I would have seen him. And he wasn't in the flume for I turned the water on myself."

"All dark—all dark," murmured Wing rising and making his way to the stairs. "But I still have faith that I shall yet find the man who knows about this terrible thing. And when I find that man I will drag the truth out of his throat with these two hands if I can't get it any other way."

He went shambling up the road in the sunshine.

That very afternoon the town of Mansfield was treated to a new sensation and had not the affair been in a measure linked with the Brett tragedy folks might have entirely forgotten the latter in their amazement at the newest development.

Growing from a rumor it became bruited around the town that George Brett's "mill-hand wife" for whose sake most of his present troubles has been incurred—that wife had eloped with Pearson the flashy young correspondent who had been in town for weeks representing a New York paper.

The flirtation had been marked by the busy-bodies but no one had anticipated such a screaming sensation as an elopement. The couple had left town so unobtrusively that no one had noticed their departure. But the people of Mansfield Corner were speedily aware that George Brett was engaged in a wild debauch, evidently endeavoring to drown some sort of sorrow and after a time George himself, tottering beside the bar in the hotel, profanely admitted that his wife had flown. He declared that he had told her to go—had driven her from him. But in the next breath he talked vaguely of plots and blackmailing operations and threatened vengeance as soon "as things got cleared up some." He talked long and vehemently along this line to his associates until some of the sharper among them began to wonder what could be behind all his mysterious explosions.

It furthermore became known that young Brett had borrowed at usurious rates, banking on his future, several thousand dollars, and it was hinted that this sum had been turned over to the erring Mrs. Brett just before she left town. It was certain that she had called at the local bank and changed one of the large bills that her husband had a few hours previously taken from the same bank on the money-lender's check.

Detective Ordwell, hearing of these matters, put in a long evening pondering on what it might mean. What had induced George Brett to further distress himself financially in order to give funds to a woman who was about leaving him? The next day the detective went over to the Corner. George Brett, so announced the landlord of the hotel where Brett and his wife had made their home since their marriage, had gone to his camp in the woods on a fishing trip.

"Poor George isn't feeling much like 'tendin' to bus'ness these days," said the landlord sympathetically.

"No, I suppose not," assented the detective. "Come on him rather sudden, I fancy."

"Well, he came in one afternoon and found his wife and that newspaper snipe goin' over his private papers and the thing kind of come to a head right then and there."

"Well, I must say he treated her squarely," said the detective. "Not many men under circumstances like that would have turned around and given a woman a nice little pot of money."

The landlord looked at the detective with a rather prolonged and chilly stare. "Mebbe the people of this village think that George Brett hain't been showin' much grit in this thing," he said.

"I don't know about that," said Ordwell. "But it seemed strange to me that he didn't turn her right out without a cent—a woman who would betray him in that fashion."

"George Brett hain't tellin' all his bus'ness to the people of Mansfield," said the landlord. "Nor to officers, either. He has his friends to confide in and advise him and I'm one of the friends, I can tell you that. Nothin' leaks through me, but I can tell ye that the folks of this place don't want to judge George Brett by what they see on the outside of this thing."

The detective started to say something more but the hotel man put up his hand and checked him with a deprecatory snap of his fingers. "I've said all I'm goin' to," he asserted. "The rest of it is George's own bus'ness and when things get around right you'll hear something drop. Not another word, or you'll I'll have trouble." The landlord stumped away into the back regions somewhere. The detective went to the window and meditatively trailed his finger in the dust of the sash.

There was no other person in the hotel office except the weasened little boy of all work who was scattering lumps of wet sawdust over the floor preparatory to sweeping.

The boy came close to him. "Hain't you that detective from over to the village?" he inquired with deep awe expressed on his features.

"Yes," said Ordwell.

"I like detectives from what I've read about 'em," volunteered the boy. He pulled a ragged nickel novel from his pocket. "This 'ere story is one of the 'Slim Sleuth Series' and I tell you the Slim Sleuth was always on hand to get one out of trouble. The way I reckon it, folks ought to be willing to help detectives when detectives are such good men. Hain't they?"

"Of course," said the officer good-naturedly. "Well, I'm goin' to tell you all I know that will help you. Mebbe it ain't anything that will help you after all but you can see about it."

"Go ahead, my man. I'm glad to hear anything you know."

"Well, that day that George Brett came in and found a person up there with Mrs. Brett—I was in there once or twice to answer the bell. I carried up ink and some ice water and a bottle of beer. And Pearson gave me a quarter to get a chisel. I reckon that's what he used to break George Brett's desk open with."

"Aha! Go on."

"Then when I brought up the ice water Mrs. Brett and Pearson were going over some papers and he seemed to be writing down a list of them."

"I don't suppose you saw enough to know what kind of papers they were."

"I didn't see what they were but I heard Pearson say, 'why here's even the document that the Squire's name was scissored from the name that was on the message that the boy brought into the courtroom.' 'S-sh!' said Mrs. Brett, 'little pitchers have big ears.' That's all they said so that I could hear but I've been thinkin', Mister Detective, that they were pulling over the papers that were in the Squire's wallet the day he was killed, or something."

Ordwell, seeking through so many weeks for clues, felt his head buzz at the possibilities suggested by the boy's naive hints. He began

Please Tell Me

Who Needs My Book.

I ask you for the name of a friend who needs help—that is all. Just send me a postal to tell me the book he needs. No money is wanted.

Do that much and I will do this: I will send him the book, and with it an order on his druggist for six bottles Dr. Shoop's Restorative. I will authorize that druggist to let the sick one test it for a month at my risk. If it succeeds, the cost is \$5.50. If it fails, I will pay the druggist myself.

There was never a sick one who could refuse such an offer—and I am very glad to fulfill it. My records show that 39 out of each 40 pay for the medicine gladly. I pay just as willingly when one says that I have failed.

The reason is this: After a lifetime's experience I have perfected the only remedy that strengthens the inside nerves. Those nerves alone operate every vital organ; and no weak organ can be well again until its nerve power is restored. I want those who need help to know it.

For his sake, please tell me some sick one whom common remedies don't cure.

Simply state which book you want, and address Dr. Shoop, Box 304, Racine, Wis.

Mild cases, not chronic, are often cured by one or two bottles. At all druggists.

to see light, so he thought.

"Is that all you know, youngster?" he demanded but not bluffly.

"Well, I kind of snooped a little after that," the boy admitted, his cheeks reddening. "But I felt so sure that them two was looking over the Squire's papers that when George Brett came in from his store unexpectedly and went upstairs I followed and hid in the next room."

"You heard some things that were said, then?"

"Oh, yes—they had an awful time jawing back and forth. I can't remember half of it. But the idea was George was twitting the reporter with stealing his wife and sneaking after his private property in his desk and he allowed that the wife had told the reporter the things were there. The reporter bluffed him right back and said that the man who had the Squire's private papers in his desk was most likely the man that killed him and that now he should print the story in the paper. George swore like a maniac and said that the papers had come into hands by mystery and he didn't know anything about how he had got hold of them. The reporter asked him sassy like if he supposed any jury would believe that. Then they had a regular rough and tumble fight all over the floor and the reporter licked. It was awful."

"Did the reporter carry the papers away—do you know about that?" asked the detective breathlessly.

"I don't reckon he did for as near as I could hear after they had talked a long time the reporter agreed to keep still on his part if George wouldn't stir up trouble for his wife. The reporter said he loved her and didn't want her to get into trouble. He said that if George would pay her three thousand dollars or something like that the two of them would go away and leave the papers with him and would never say a word. Reporter said if George didn't agree to that he would see him in jail in half an hour."

"My son," said the detective, "on your life keep still and if these things come about as I now believe they will, I will make you a happy youngster."

"You needn't worry about me," asserted the boy. "I've been jest waitin' to see a real detective and tell him this and I hain't goin' to tell any one else!"

"Get a pass key for me," said Ordwell. He knew where George Brett's room was and he entered alone, finding that the corridor was clear of maids. He opened the desk in the corner easily for the lock was still unopened. But though he searched in every corner no papers did he find. He was not surprised for the broken desk was now a poor place of concealment. Ten minutes later he had ordered his tea and was on the six-mile drive to Brett's camp in the woods.

NOTE:—This interesting story will be concluded in the November number of COMFORT. If your subscription expires this month do not fail to send in your renewal subscription or you will miss the November number, as all old subscriptions are now promptly removed on expiration.

\$1000 SALARY

Per Year to Men or Women by Old Reliable Firm, Established 14 Years

PAYABLE IN CASH WEEKLY.

We want 6 more General Organizers to travel and appoint local organizers in each town. Also 6 more State Managers for office work at home. Experience not necessary as we supply full instructions. Any honest and worthy man or woman who desires a good salaried position with no canvassing to do, should write us at once as the vacancies must be filled soon. No capital required. We allow \$3.00 per day for expenses in addition to a straight out and out, genuine cash salary at the rate of \$83.33 per month. As soon as arrangements are completed for you to begin we send check to defray first week's salary and expenses, together with supplies and instructions. We mention these details as we do not wish to be misunderstood in reference to our offer. We want honest people, who will appreciate the confidence reposed in them, and who would like to be connected with a large concern where they will be well treated, and have an opportunity to build up with the house. For these positions we want 12 honest men and women who are capable of collecting some of our accounts and looking after any special matters which frequently arise throughout the country in connection with a large business like ours. State which position you prefer, whether to travel or do office work at home. We have no connection with any other firm. This advertisement will not appear again. Send references and stamp for reply. Address PRESIDENT MONROE COMPANY, 249 Wabash Avenue, CHICAGO.

\$3 a Day Sure

furnish the work and teach you free, you work in the locality where you live. Send us your address and we will explain the business fully, remember we guarantee a clear profit of \$3 for every day's work, absolutely sure. Write at once. ROYAL MANUFACTURING CO., Box 757, Detroit, Mich.

375 \$3.75 BUYS A \$35 WATCH and a handsome "Gold" watch chain & charm THIS IS A GENUINE GOLD FILLING WATER in appearance, superbly engraved, double hunting case, stem wind and stem set. HIGH GRADE RUBBER JEWELRY WORKS which is absolutely guaranteed for 25 YEARS. Send this to us and we will send the watch & chain C.O.D. \$3.75 and express charges to examine. If as represented, pay \$3.75 & Ex. charges and it is yours. Write if you desire Ladies' or Gents' size. CALVERT WATCH CO. Dept. 37, Chicago

UNIFORMS

for Bands, Schools, Military, Police, Firemen and all other styles. Catalogue mailed free. WESTERN UNIFORM CO., 216 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

GENTLEMAN WANTED

Who can invest \$5; it will bring you an income of \$20 weekly for life; sure thing; no canvassing; it's no turf speculation or fake scheme; investigate it; stamp for full particulars. Hutton & Co., Desk 4, Philadelphia, Pa.

AXION ELASTIC TRUSS

DON'T BE TORTURED By wearing a hard spring truss when you can get our new patented truss that will hold any rupture under all circumstances with comfort. Perfect security. Radical cure. Investigate. Send for catalogue to Dept. S, Axion Mfg. Co., 744 Broadway, New York.

DOMESTIC & FANCY COOKING

BY CHRISTINE TERHUNE HERRICK,

Daughter of Marion Harland.

NOTE BY THE EDITOR—In conducting this department Mrs. Herrick would be pleased to answer any questions that our readers may ask. It is her desire to please all COMFORT readers and in order to find out your likes and dislikes can't you write and ask a few questions. By so doing you may give us some hint or suggestion as to how this Household Department should be conducted to suit the greatest number of our readers. Mrs. Herrick's mother, MARION HARLAND, has made herself famous by her rare judgment in household matters, and her daughter is equally gifted in this connection. Address all letters Christine Terhune Herrick, care COMFORT, Augusta Maine.

Copyright, 1902, by W. H. Gannett, Publisher.

Breads Made of Coarse Meals.



As a nation the Americans eat too much bread made of white flour. All classes use it. Up in New England, in the West, in the Middle States, white flour reigns. Even the Adirondack guide or other woodsman mixes his saleratus biscuit from the bolted flour. Only in the South where the negro has been raised on "hog and hominy," does the bread of the maize almost supersede that made from the wheat.

While light bread or loaf bread made of the bolted white flour holds a place in the affections of many people which nothing can displace, it is yet wise to vary it sometimes with bread made from the coarser meals. More of the nourishing parts of the wheat kernel remain in the less bolted flours than in those which have been refined until little is left in them but starch. This is an excellent item in the nutriment of the human being but it is not enough. With the starch should be gluten and the other wholesome elements which are found in the wheat kernel. Even the bran of the wheat contains nutritive salts, and a portion of the bran—not too much—should therefore be left in the flour.

Apart from its value as nourishment it is well to give one's family once in a while a change from the common wheat bread. Every one craves variety and there are so many good quick breads to be made from the different coarse meals that it is a pity not to know more of them than most persons seem to do. There are houses where one sees hardly anything but wheat bread on the table from one end of the year to the other. There may be muffins, there are pretty sure to be quick biscuits and once in a while raised biscuit, while griddle cakes are often taken as a matter of course. But always they are made of bolted wheat flour.

One of the best kinds of flour to introduce into our kitchens is the whole wheat flour. There are different makes of this, but there is one mill in New England which turns out especially delightful flour and I take pleasure in giving a recipe for loaf bread to be made from this. I ate it first at a farmhouse up in the Berkshire hills, and I do not think it would taste quite so good to me anywhere else. But it can be made in other kitchens and can hardly fail to give gratification anywhere.

As a matter of course, every one should know how to make corn bread or Johnny cake. But from what I have seen in some places offered as corn bread or corn muffins, I do not wonder that it is not more popular. The corn muffins for which I give a recipe can hardly fail to please every one except a very unreasonable somebody, who would not be pleased with anything. Rye meal used to be well known in New England and the compound of "rye and Injun" bread is frequently met in the books of some years ago.—Mrs. Stowe's especially,—that treat of old times in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Perhaps it is still found on some farmsteads there and further North, but I have never happened to meet it. The nearest approach to it is in the "Boston brown bread" which has won a place of its own in Yankee-land and outside of it.

There are many things besides loaf bread to be made from the whole wheat flour and plenty besides corn bread that corn meal will make. The muffins and biscuit and gems of whole wheat and Graham flour are better, to my mind, than those made of white flour and the griddle cakes and flapjacks and loaf corn bread that may be made of Indian meal are worthy of all praise. Akin to these are the gems and muffins and pancakes made of hominy,—a form of the maize that is too little known and appreciated. Oatmeal, too, has its value in making breads, or at least in making a part in them, when mixed with other flour.

Such breads as these are especially valuable for growing children. Bread made of the coarse meals are more easily digested than those composed only of the fine, much bolted flour, and the salts and nutriment they contain are of benefit to the boys and girls who are making bone and muscle as well as flesh. Some of the breads are of particular use for children suffering from constipation. Graham bread, indeed, is in some cases almost too laxative and a regular diet of corn bread will often relieve chronic constipation. In hot weather it is sometimes found a trifle too heating, but that is an objection that cannot be brought against it in winter.

There are certain persons who object strenuously to any change and do not care to eat anything new. But even they are sometimes open to conviction and they should at least have the chance to try whether or not they will like the bread made of other than the bolted flour.

WHOLE WHEAT LOAF BREAD.

Mix two teaspoonfuls of baking powder with two quarts of sour milk, put with it two-thirds

of a cup of molasses. Add to it enough whole wheat flour to make a dough as stiff as can be stirred. Put this into baking tins, taking care not to make the loaves too large. Set it in a warm place and let it rise to twice the first bulk. Bake the loaves one hour in a steady oven.

WHOLE WHEAT BISCUIT.

Into a pint of whole wheat flour stir a teaspoonful of salt and a heaping teaspoonful of baking powder and chop into it a tablespoonful of mixed cottolene and butter. When the shortening is chopped fine, add to the mixture enough sour milk or cream to make a soft dough. It should be as soft as it can be handled. Turn it out on a floured board, roll it into a sheet about half an inch thick and cut into rounds. Bake in a floured pan.

WHOLE WHEAT WAFERS.

Into a cup of cream, to which you have added three tablespoonfuls of white sugar and a saltspoonful of salt, stir enough whole wheat flour to make a rather stiff dough. Roll this out into a sheet less than quarter of an inch thick and cut rounds from it with a biscuit cutter. Roll each of these out until no thicker than paper and bake in a floured pan in a quick oven. Keep in a tin box so that they will remain crisp. These are very nice with tea.

WHOLE WHEAT GEMS.

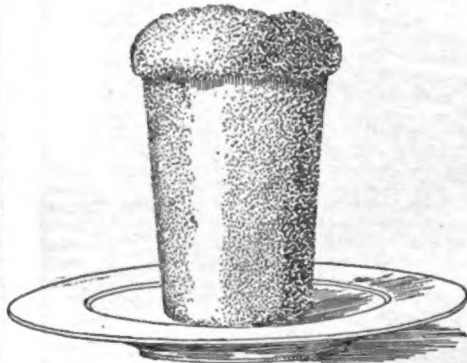
Beat three eggs light and add to them three cups warm milk, a tablespoonful of white sugar and a teaspoonful of salt. Beat in enough whole wheat flour to make a good batter, and at the last put in a tablespoonful of melted butter. Have gem pans ready heated and turn the batter into these. Bake in a very hot oven and eat at once.

EXCELSIOR CORN MUFFINS.

Beat two eggs light, stir into them a cup of milk, a tablespoonful melted butter and four tablespoonfuls white sugar. Sift a heaping teaspoonful of baking powder into a cup of white flour and a cup of corn meal, mixed. Add to this a saltspoonful of salt and stir the flour and meal into the liquid ingredients. Beat well, turn into greased muffin tins and bake.

STEAMED CORN BREAD.

Mix two cupfuls corn meal with one of white flour and sift with them a scant teaspoonful of soda, a teaspoonful of salt and two tablespoonfuls of white sugar. Melt a heaping table-



spoonful of cottolene or lard and put it into two cupfuls of sour milk or buttermilk. Pour this on the prepared flour and meal, and beat very hard for about five minutes. Have ready a Boston brown bread mould very well greased and put the batter into this. Fit on a tight top and set the mould in a kettle of hot water. Be careful that it does not turn over and that the water does not get over the top of the mould. Boil steadily for two hours. Take it from the mould and set it in the oven for five or ten minutes to dry off. Eat while hot.

CORN-MEAL MUSH MUFFINS.

Make a mush by stirring a cupful of salted corn meal into two cupfuls of boiling milk. Cook this in a double boiler for two hours, stirring often, that it may not lump. Take the



mush from the fire, beat in a heaping tablespoonful of butter, and when this is melted set the mush aside to cool. While it is only lukewarm thin it with a cupful of cold milk and when it is stirred smooth whip in three beaten eggs and a third of a cupful of whole wheat flour. Add a teaspoonful of baking powder, beat until you are sure it is well mixed in and bake in muffin tins.

CORN MEAL GRIDDLE CAKES.

Into two cupfuls of corn meal which has been scalded with a quart of boiling milk, beat, when lukewarm, a tablespoonful of molasses, one of lard or cottolene, a teaspoonful of salt and two eggs, whipped light. Add half a cupful of flour, into which has been sifted a scant teaspoonful of baking powder, and thin with milk to the consistency of ordinary griddle cake batter. Bake, if possible, on a soapstone griddle.

HOMINY MUFFINS.

Beat a tablespoonful of lard and one of butter into a cupful of boiled hominy,—the shell hominy. Stir in a teaspoonful of salt and two tablespoonfuls of white sugar and three beaten eggs. When these are well blended put in a cup and a half of milk and lastly, half a cupful of wheat flour into which has been sifted a heaping teaspoonful of baking powder. Bake



THIS BEAUTIFUL WATER SET FREE!

WITH EACH CAN

"National"

High-Grade Baking Powder.

Introduce for us 20 cans among your friends and neighbors and offer each, FREE, a 7-piece Water Set with each can. For your trouble, you will receive a handsome 67-piece, gold lined, Decorated China Dinner Set, or 25 per cent commission in cash. We pay all freight and give you time to deliver.

Write at Once for Full Set of Plans.

THE NATIONAL FAMILY SUPPLIES CO., Dept. 68, 307 S. Tenth Street, ST. LOUIS, MO.

in well greased tins. Rice muffins may be made by the same recipe, substituting boiled rice for the hominy.

Answers to Correspondents.

Mrs. A. W. P. I. Parker, Idaho.—I take pleasure in answering the questions you send. 1. Pot cheese is sometimes known as cottage cheese and the Germans call it, or something very like it, Schmierkaese. It is made of thick sour milk. This is heated slowly until the whey separates from the curds. The latter are then put in a thin cloth stretched across an open vessel of some sort, and allowed to drain. They are then chopped and worked smooth with a little butter, cream and salt. 2. Paprika is the Hungarian red pepper. It is not so hot as the cayenne and is nice to use in seasoning. It is sold in tin boxes like mustard or spice. 3. Parmesan cheese is an Italian cheese, which is sold grated in bottles. It is good to put with macaroni, but when you cannot get it other grated cheese may be used in its place. 4. There are several varieties of salad oil and much that is sold under that name is cotton seed oil, with a little olive oil to flavor it. The Italian salad oil is really no better than the French, although some persons prefer it. It is a matter of taste. I am told there is a good American olive oil on the market. 5. Tarragon vinegar is vinegar in which the herb tarragon has been steeped long enough to flavor the vinegar. 6. To marinate is to lay the meat or fish to be thus treated for a short time in a mixture of oil and salt or of vinegar and salt, with such seasoning as the recipe indicates. It gives fish the flavor of the marinate mixture, and will sometimes make meat tender as well as season it.

K. B., New Bedford, Ohio.—I would be glad to give the recipe for the cakes if you will tell me more clearly what they are. Your description might apply to a dozen different kinds. What have they inside? Are they plain, or with fruit or other addition?

For chicken filling work a tablespoonful of butter into a cup of fine bread crumbs, season with sweet herbs,—sage, marjoram, summer savory and thyme,—and add pepper and salt at discretion. Never put any water with your stuffing or moisten it in any way except with the melted butter.

Miss E. E., South Germantown, Wis.—I am sorry your query did not reach me earlier. By the time this appears it would be too late for the recipe you wish to do you any good this year. Remind me of it early next season and I will give it with pleasure.

Mrs. L. C. L., Irene, S. D.—Shampoo the children's heads with bi-chloride of mercury soap and dry the hair. Then every night, at bed-time, wash the heads with tincture of larkspur and brush the hair well. This is a sure cure. At the end of a week you will have no more trouble. The preparation is a deadly poison, taken internally, but will do no harm applied externally.

Mrs. I. H. H. Barstow, Texas.—I am much obliged for the recipes you send and take pleasure in adding them below:

LEMON PIE.

Yolks of 4 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 and 1-2 pints sweet milk, 1 pint corn bread crumbs. Grated rind and piece of one lemon. When well done spread over the top the whites of the eggs whipped to a stiff froth sweetened with one cup of sugar. Then set in the oven to brown slightly.

PICCALILLY.

2 doz. large cucumbers chopped, 1 doz. green peppers chopped, 1-4 doz. ripe peppers chopped, 1 large head cabbage chopped, 1 peck green tomatoes chopped, 1-2 gallon of onions chopped, 1 pint of salt sprinkled over this; let stand 1 hour, then put in sack and hang up to drip over night.

Put in a kettle 1 gal. vinegar, 1 pt. brown sugar, 1-4 lb. mustard, 1-2 oz. cinnamon, 1 tablespoonful each of mace, allspice, celery seed, and a little horseradish. Cook mess slowly two hours, add mustard last as it thickens it and it is apt to burn. Kraut can be substituted for cabbage.

Rosa M.—Chop one tablespoonful of butter and lard mixed with one quart of flour, first sifting in to this two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Make a hole in the middle of this and stir in milk enough to make a soft dough. Begin with two cups and let the milk be new and rich if possible. Have the dough as soft as can be handled. Roll into a sheet about half an inch thick, cut in to rounds with a biscuit-cutter and bake in a floured pan.

Baking powder is used in the place of cream tartar and soda mixed, and has the same effect as these. The recipe for gems will be given with directions for bread made of other coarse meals in an early issue of this paper.

Fly specks, if new, can sometimes be wiped from frames and furniture with a damp cloth. When they are old, they may have to be scraped off and the spots left retouched. Try equal parts of vinegar and water for the fly specked furniture.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE, \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 E Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

FROM \$60 TO \$125 A MONTH
MADE WITH
Gearhart's Improved

KNITTER
by either knitting for the trade or selling machines. Knits everything from homespun or factory yarns equal to hand knitting, also all sizes of hosiery without seams. Only family machine made with RISING ATTACHMENT. Ahead of all competitors. Write us at once for our catalogue and samples of work which explains everything. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. Address, J. E. GEARHART, Box 15, CLEARFIELD, Pa.

FREE TRIAL TREATMENT

Sent to anyone having Granulated Lids, Scums, Dimness of Vision, or any other

DISEASE OF THE EYES.

Send full description of your case, as I can cure you at home by my mild "Natural Method." I cure cataracts without the knife.

DR. J. HARVEY MOORE,
511, O. O. F. Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

A SMALL CAPITAL
brings good returns if invested in a MAGIC LANTERN or Stereopticon for exhibition purposes. Write for 250 page illustrated catalogue free. McALLISTER, Mfg. Optician, 49 Nassau St., N.Y.

M. PHILIPSBORN,
renowned all over the world for latest styles and lowest prices.



ALL the new models for fall and winter of 1902-3 are illustrated in Catalogue No. 367.

Only **4.98** GLOAKS, SUITS, WAISTS, SKIRTS, FURS, ETC. IT IS FREE Write for it today.

Only **4.98** This Ladies Coat only \$4.98 43 inches long, of Oxford Grey Melton, lined with merzerized saten, half light back, storm collar and cuffs. \$4.98 prepaid.

Only **4.98** State size of bust. All goods guaranteed. Money back for the asking. Samples of material on request.

Only **4.98**

Only **4.98**

Only **4.98**

M. PHILIPSBORN, 138-144 State Street, CHICAGO. AGENTS WANTED.

Please mention COMFORT when you write.

No Money in Advance

Only **\$1.95**

for this lovely **Parisian Creation**

Delivered free of charge

No. 10—Designed by Mme. Poyanne, of Paris; made of fine quality black velvet over 3-ply frame. Draping of black velvet over crown and brim.

Two large genuine black Ostrich plumes fastened with handsome gilt buckle on crown; hat worn slightly drooping over face. Price only \$1.95.

Delivered safely packed in a patent metal bound box, express charges paid by us. You run no risk whatever; we send the hat to your nearest express office; examine it, try it on and if it isn't worth at least \$5.00 return it at our expense. If you like it pay the express agent \$1.95 and keep the hat; all we ask in return for this great bargain is that you recommend us to your friends. Write for free catalog of Millinery, Cloaks, Furs, etc.

CHICAGO MAIL ORDER & MILLINERY CO., In our new bldg. N. W. Cor. State and Monroe, Chicago.

DR. W. O. COFFEE'S FAMOUS EYE BOOK FREE

You can save someone's eyesight by writing Dr. Coffee for his famous Free Eye Book. Contains 80 pages; colored photographs of eyes from life. An eye history. Contains eye tests; worth \$5 but it is free. Tells also how to cure cataracts, scums, sore eyes, falling sight—all eye troubles with painless medicines, at small expense at home. A. J. Palmer, Melrose, Iowa, was cured of blindness in 3 months. Hope for everyone. Advice free.

DR. W. O. COFFEE, 843 Good Block, Des Moines, Ia.

NO RANGE ADVERTISED EQUALS THIS.

Full Weight, Blue Polished Steel Range sent on

30 DAYS' FREE TRIAL

Our "Grand Union," as illustrated, this finest range in existence. Made of best blue polished steel, full size, full weight, full lined. Large square oven with spring drop door; 25 inch fire box for coal or wood. Highly ornamented triple nickel plated. Complete with porcelain lined reservoir and high closet.

Our \$65 Dealer's price. Our \$17.95 direct price.

Perfect operation. Guaranteed for five years. Saves cost in one year. **BUYER'S UNION** LESS—LIVES LONGEST. No money in advance. Send for our Catalogue.

CASH BUYER'S UNION, Dept. 15, Chicago.

At \$8.65 to \$26.75

we offer for sale the biggest assortment in the world of light running and noiseless pivot and ball-bearing

SEWING MACHINES

that do perfect work. We have drop-head, upright and automatic styles in plain or richly carved and ornamented designs (exclusively ours), all fitted with every improvement possessed by \$40 to \$60 machines and many extra improvements controlled alone by us.

trates accurately and describes truly our machines in detail, explains all about the parts of mechanism and wood-work, gives hundreds of testimonials from people now using our machines and demonstrates clearly and decisively that our sewing machines at \$8.65 to \$26.75 are the equal of any other machines at \$40 to \$60, no matter what the name may be. We guarantee our machines 20 years, ship on easy terms C. O. D., subject to examination and allow 60 days' free trial in your home. For your own good you should not buy a machine anywhere before seeing catalog. Write for it today.

JOHN M. SYMTH CO., 150-160 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Under Love's Spell;

Or, Who Killed Kathleen O'Neal.

BY MAY AGNES FLEMING.

Copyright, 1902, by W. H. Gannett, Publisher.

CHAPTER I.

THE September sun was setting stormily down there on the coast. A lonely scene and hour. Away to the east, the fishing village of Clontarf nestled under the rocks; to the left, the tall Tudor turrets and peaked gables, rising above the trees of the park, Clontarf Castle reared its hoary head—one of the stateliest and oldest houses in Britain. The only moving things on darkening earth and storm-tossed sea were a girl and a yacht.

The girl stood gazing seaward, making a picture of herself, outlined against the blackening gloaming—a brightly pretty girl, very fair, very youthful, with a thoroughly Irish face. A face for an artist, standing there in vivid relief against black sky and dark sea, the brown hair and picturesque red cloak streaming in the rising wind.

The yacht lay a mile away, a picture in its way, as well as the girl. In golden letters on the stern was the name, "Nora Creina."

The girl looked impatiently at the darkening sky, at the heaving vessel, then glanced behind her with a little, petulant frown.

"How long he is!" she said. "They expected Mr. Gerald this evening, but I don't see why that should keep him. Ah!"

She stopped suddenly, her pretty, sunburned face brightening; for a boat was lowered from the "Nora Creina," and two women rowed rapidly shoreward.

"He will come, then, after all!" she cried in a joyful, breathless sort of way.

A step came rapidly down the rocky path and a rich, melodious voice rang down the stillness, singing a ringing hunting song.

"A southerly wind and a cloudy sky proclaim it a hunting morning!" chanted the full, rich voice; and then the singer came into view, and stood balancing himself in mid-air, on the topmost peak of a lofty crag, twenty feet over the water.

He was a tall young man—nay, youth—of scarce one-and-twenty, a "six-foot son of Anak," lithe and long of limb, straight as an arrow, broad-shouldered, deep-chested, golden-haired and azure-eyed. A magnificent young giant—the wildest dare-devil in the three kingdoms, a mad-headed, hot-brained, reckless young ne'er-do-well, who yet looked at you with eyes as blue and smiling and innocent as the eyes of a month-old babe. He was dressed in the colors of his first and only love—the idol of his heart—his graceful "Nora Creina," there afloat on the waters—white trousers, green jacket, green cap with a gold band set jauntily on his handsome, golden head. He stood poised on the dizzy peak, looking seaward with brilliant, cloudless blue eyes.

"There you are, my beauty, my darling!" he cried, apostrophizing the trim little bark. "And if I don't give you a spanking run in the teeth of this gale before morning, I'm not my father's son. We'll make King's Head in four hours, with this stiff breeze. A glorious race before midnight, my darling 'Nora'!"

"Oh, my Nora Creina, dear, My charming, bashful Nora Creina! Beauty lies in many eyes, But love is yours, my Nora Creina!"

He sang gayly, his voice floating out on the breeze to the boat, dancing like the cockleshell it was over the breakers, and answered by the men on board with a hearty Irish cheer.

"Lord Rory!"

He had turned to leap down, agile as a cat, never seeing the red cloak and the pretty face so near him, when the girl, starting up, called; and as he turned with a bewildered "Halloo!" called again:

"Lord Roderick!"

"Fore George, it's Kathleen!" He was beside her with a bound. "Standing here like a Wicklow fairy, or a banshee, or a goddess of the storm, or anything else you like. Come to see me off, Kathleen? How polite of you!"

Kathleen tossed her pretty head saucily. She had come to see him off, and colored guiltily as he guessed it.

"You always were conceited, Lord Rory, and always will be. As if one could not come down to watch the storm rise without coming on your account!"

"Watch the storm rise? By Jove! how romantic the dear little girl's getting! Has quite a Byronic sound, that, 'pon my word, and comes of improving her mind, under my tuition, as she's been doing lately."

He looked a dangerous preceptor for youth, with his laughing eyes and splendid face; and the red light flashed gloriously up in the pretty, sunburned cheeks under his merry gaze.

"So you're going to King's Head tonight, my lord," Kathleen said, making a petulant little mouth. "Well, I dare say, you'll be safe in spite of the storm. 'Any one born to be hanged—' You know the proverb."

"Hanged, will never be drowned." Very likely, Miss O'Neal. I won't be the first Desmond who has been hanged for his country's benefit, either, by long odds. We always do come to grief as a rule, and I don't think half a dozen of us ever died decently in our beds. We've been roasted alive in our own strongholds, we've been court-martialed and shot at day-dawn, we've had our heads chopped off like spring chickens, and we've been hanged, drawn, and quartered by the dozen for high treason. I never heard of but one Desmond who was drowned, and he was a pirate, so could expect no better. Yes, Miss Kathleen O'Neal, I'm off for King's Head in my bonny 'Nora Creina,' and I'll take you with me, if you choose, with all the pleasure in life."

"Thank you, Lord Rory! I'm not tired of my life yet. When I feel like suicide, I'll let you know. There's the boat. Good evening to you. I'm going home."

"My boat is on the shore, and my bark is on the sea. And so you won't come? Well, then, I would recommend you to go home, for standing here in the wind is neither pleasant nor profitable, that I can see. Good-night, Kathleen. It quite convenient, dream of me. Oh! I say, how's the Englishman?"

The girl turned upon him suddenly, her face reddening, her eyes flashing passionately in the half-light.

"Lord Rory!" she cried.

He laughed, bounding like a chamois down the steep crags.

"Then you won't smile on your lover? Poor fellow! how I pity him! My own heart has been broken so often, you see, Kathleen, that I can afford to sympathize with fellow-martyrs. Any messages for King's Head? No? Then, for the second time, good night."

He waved his gold-banded cap courteously in gay salute, this boyish Lord Roderick Desmond, only son of the Earl of Clontarf, and went springing down to the shore, singing again:

"'Twas from Kathleen's eyes he flew— Eyes of most unholy blue!"

But for the Kathleen standing on the rocks, she was forgotten ere the passionate, yearning blue eyes were fairly out of his sight.

He sprang into the boat, the men pushed off, and it went dancing lightly over the billows.

And then distance and darkness took him, and Kathleen hid her hot face in her hands, loving, and knowing she loved, as vainly and wildly as that other Kathleen, of whose unholy blue eyes Moore sings, hurled into the lake by flinty-hearted Saint Kevin.

Vainly, indeed, for she was only the daughter of the village pedagogue, and he, ah! the blue blood of the princely Desmonds—kings of old—flowed in his veins, and an earl's coronet awaited him in the future.

Night had fallen—black, starless, wild. And through the night and the storm the gallant little "Nora Creina" shot ahead like an arrow, and on her deck, Lord Roderick Desmond stood, scanning the stormy blackness with a powerful night-glass.

Far off, something bright, like a fallen star,



"BACK TO THE YACHT—BACK FOR YOUR LIVES!" LORD RODERICK SHOUTED.

glimmered and glowed. His men were gathered around him; they needed no glass to see that one luminous ray.

"By heavens!" he cried, closing his telescope with a clash, "it's a ship on fire!"

And then his rich voice rang out above the uproar of the storm, the wind, and the sea, giving his orders to bear down to the relief of the burning ship.

Away the "Nora Creina" flew over the foam-lashed billows. Nearer and nearer they drew to that terrible bonfire on the ocean. Larger and larger it loomed up before them—a pillar of fire—in the storm-lashed sea.

And as they reached it, they could see on the blazing deck two figures—a man and a woman.

"We must lower the boat at once, and if the boat does not go down like an egg-shell, then a miracle will have taken place," Lord Roderick said. "Lower away, my lads; there is not a second to be lost."

And as his words rang out, wild and high above the uproar, there came, piercingly, a woman's scream of distress.

It seemed sure death, but even unto death these men would have followed their gallant young leader. And a Desmond never knew fear, and death and Lord Roderick had stood face to face many a time already in his brief one-and-twenty years.

Was he going to shirk it now, and a woman perishing before his eyes? His wild cheer, clear as a bugle blast, echoed cheerily as he sprang into the frail skiff.

"You will come with me, Fitzgerald," he said. "No, my lads; any more of you will be in the way. Now, then, pull with a will."

And the bark sped away over the foamy breakers, as though upheld by fairy hands. The "luck of the Desmonds," traditional all the country-side over, was with them in their dauntless, daring tonight.

"Leap into the sea!" those on board the yacht heard Lord Roderick cry; "we will pick you up. We can go no nearer."

The man on the deck of the burning vessel seized the woman in his arms, and ere the words were well uttered, leaped overboard into the black, bitter waters. The flaming ship lighted up the storm-lashed ocean for yards around.

They sunk—they rose. Fitzgerald bent to

the oars, and sent the light skiff shooting to where their white faces gleamed above the hissing waves. Lord Roderick bent over and laid hold of the woman's long, streaming hair.

Breathlessly the watchers on board the yacht gazed. There was a moment of inexpressible peril and suspense; then the woman was lifted in the stalwart young arms of Lord Clontarf's son and laid in the bottom of the boat.

But that moment was fatal. The white face of the man vanished, as a huge wave dashed him brutally into its depths. Over the wild, midnight sea one last agonized cry rang out: "Oh, God, save me! save me! Inez!"

"Back to the yacht, Fitzgerald—back, for our lives!" Lord Roderick shouted. "The man has perished! Back! Give me the oars!"

The little boat, urged by those strong, skilled rowers, shot back to the "Nora Creina," as if invisible hands guided it through the tempestuous sea.

They reached the yacht, and a great shout of joy and thankfulness rose as the young heroes passed up the rescued woman and came on board.

The burning ship blazed steadily to the water's edge, then went headlong down, and an awful blackness reigned.

Of all her living crew only this one woman remained to tell the tale.

She lay on the deck where they had placed her, still as one dead. Lord Roderick lifted her in his arms, carried her into the lamplit cabin, and laid her upon a couch.

She was dripping wet, and her hair, long as a mermaid's, clung about her. Her eyes were closed, the face was marble white. Cold and still she lay there before him in a dead swoon.

And the young Lord Roderick stood above her, a brandy-flask in his hand, gazing down on that white, still face. For, in all the one-and-twenty years of his bright, brief life, Earl Clontarf's only son had never looked on anything half so lovely as this unknown girl he had saved from death.

CHAPTER II.

Low there on the picturesque Wicklow coast an October sunset, cloudless and brilliant filled all the west with indescribable glory.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

Few People Know How Useful it is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

STEM-WIND WATCH

We will give you a guaranteed, Stem-Wind Nickel-plated Watch, also a Chain and Charm, for selling 19 packages of BLUINE at ten cents each. Blaine is the best laundry bluing in the world and the fastest seller. Write us at once, and we will send you the Blaine and our large Premium List, postpaid. It costs you nothing. Simply send us the money you get for selling the Blaine, and we will send you the Watch, Chain and Charm, postpaid.

BLUINE MFG. CO., Box 5, Concord Junction, Mass. Two Million Premiums given away during the last 5 years.

PRICES REDUCED FOR 60 DAYS!

\$4.00 VAPOR BATH CABINET, \$2.25 each
\$5.00 QUAKER " 3.50 each
\$10.00 " 6.10 each
\$1.00 Face and Head Steaming Attach 65c
Quality best. Guaranteed. \$2. Book FREE with all "Quakers." Write for our New Catalogue. Special 60-Day Offer. Don't miss it. Your last chance. New plan, new prices to agents, salesmen, managers. Hustlers getting rich. Wonderful sellers. Plenty territory. World Mfg. Co., 97 World Bldg., Cincinnati, O.

MOVING PICTURE MACHINES

STEREOPTICONS You can make BIG MONEY Entertaining the Public. Nothing affords better opportunities for men with small capital. We start you, furnishing complete outfits and explicit instructions at a surprisingly low cost. The Field is large comprising the regular theater and lecture circuit, also localities in churches, Public Schools, Lodges, and General Public Gatherings. Our Entertainment Supply Catalogue and special offer fully explains everything. Sent Free. CHICAGO PROJECTING CO., 225 Dearborn Street, Dept. 155, Chicago, Ill.

ONE YEAR'S FREE TRIAL

Kenwood ORGANS \$21.75 to \$75.50

Shipped on approval anywhere in the U.S. NO MONEY IN ADVANCE. Guaranteed for 25 years.

Magnificent exclusive designs, unexcelled action, sweetest tone. Kenwood's Majestic Grand, as illustrated, a masterpiece of organ building, \$48.75. Thousands in use. Testimonials from every state. Send for our big illustrated Piano and Organ Catalogue FREE. The renowned Kenwood Pianos and Organs cost less than half what dealers and agents charge for inferior makes. Cash Buyers' Union, Dept. O 5, Chicago.

DARKEN YOUR GRAY HAIR

DUBY'S OZARK HERBS restore gray, streaked or faded hair to its natural color, beauty and softness. Prevents the hair from falling out, promotes its growth, cures and prevents dandruff, and gives the hair a soft, glossy and healthy appearance. IT WILL NOT STAIN THE SCALP. It is not sticky or dirty, contains no sugar, lead, nitrate, arsenic, copper, or poisons of any kind, but is composed of roots, herbs, barks and flowers. It is NOT A DYE, but a HAIR TONIC and costs ONLY 25 CENTS TO MAKE ONE PINT. It will produce the most luxuriant tresses from dry, coarse and wiry hair, and bring back the color it originally was before it turned gray. There is more health to the hair in a single package of DUBY'S OZARK HERBS than in all the hair dyes and dyes made. Full size package sent by mail, postpaid, for 50 cents. Address OZARK HERB COMPANY, St. Louis, Mo.

LEARN BOOK-KEEPING

and TELEGRAPHY

BY MAIL--AT YOUR OWN HOME.

This is the chance of a lifetime for young men and women and you should not miss it. New method, any one can learn it within 6 to 8 weeks and places you in position to earn good salary at once. Thoroughly practical and remarkably inexpensive. We find positions too, free of charge. Write today for full particulars. Michigan Business Institute, 181 Instit. Bldg., Kalamazoo, Mich.

30 LOVELY CARDS

with your name printed on all, 20 Songs with Music, 40 Photos, 20 Magic Spells, 54 Entertaining Experiments, 60 Puzzles with Solutions, 101 Conundrums, 50 Games, 400 Riddles, 100 Money-making Receipts, 100 Valuable Recipes, 255 Albums and Love Verses, 18 Complete Stories, 20 Style Cards, 200 Fables, etc., all 30 cards. TUTTLE BROS. CO., BOX 5, TOTOKET, CONN.

PARKER'S HAIR BALM

Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp disease & hair falling. 50c. and \$1.00 at Druggists.

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 24.)

Among The Flowers.

BY EBEN E. REXFORD.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Rexford, who is a recognized authority on all matters pertaining to the garden, will undertake to answer all questions our subscribers may ask, to the best of his ability. If there is anything you want to find out about flowers, tell him what it is, and perhaps he can furnish you with the desired information. Address, Eben E. Rexford, care "Comfort" Augusta, Maine.

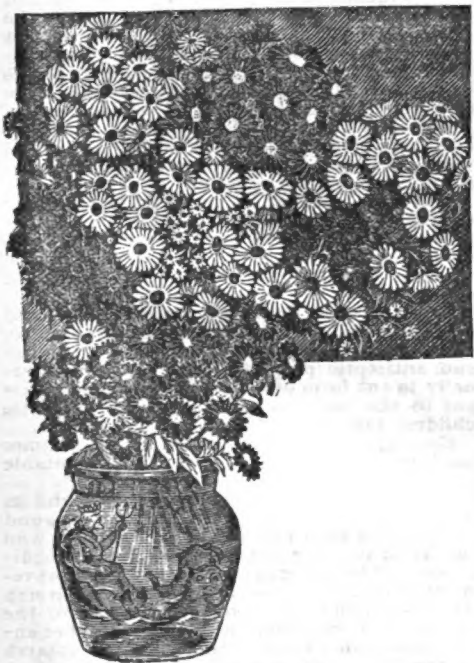
Copyright, 1902, by W. H. Gannett, Publisher.

The Late Bloomers.

IN most collections, there are few plants that can be depended on to give flowers after the first of October. The frosts which characterize the mid-autumnal season have killed the Dahlias, and the Cosmos shows a mass of blackened foliage, and only a stray Pansy or a belated Petunia makes an effort to brighten up the garden. But this dearth of flowers need not be if we are willing to take a little forethought, and plant something that can be depended on to bloom after other flowers have vanished. There are late-flowering plants that will prolong the season of bloom up to the very edge of winter. Why not have them in our garden?

Among the shrubs, there is *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora*. Nearly all gardens have a specimen of it, but the beauty of the plant is never fully understood until it is seen growing in groups. Plant from four to eight in a mass, and keep them pruned so that the plants on the outside of the group have low, spreading branches that bring the foliage well down to the ground, and you have something that will indeed be an ornament to your garden. Each spring go over the shrubs and cut them back at least one-third. Then manure the soil well about them. This is all you need do. The bushes will look out for themselves after that, and during the late fall months they will be to the garden what the Snowball is to the spring season. Well-grown plants are almost solid masses of ivory-white flowers, which take on a pink-and-greenish tinge after a little, finally changing to a brown which is not at all unpleasant. This plant is as hardy as it is possible for a plant to be, a rapid grower, and one that can easily be procured in almost any country neighborhood. It can be planted in fall or spring.

The native Aster is one of our best late fall flowers. It is readily domesticated. Cultivation makes a very different thing of it from the dwarfed, ill-shaped plants we see growing in pastures and fence-corners, where cattle have browsed on it, or broken it down. It soon becomes strong and vigorous, sending up stalks five and six feet high if planted in rich soil, and a good many of them from each root. These will be literally covered with flowers in varying shades of blue, and rosy violet, and lavender, for weeks. Most other flowers have gone before they come. They will stay until the nights are freezing cold. I am fond of all our native plants, and always advise giving the best of them a place in the home-garden.



HARDY ASTERS.

Among all of the desirable ones, I do not think of any quite so desirable as the Aster.

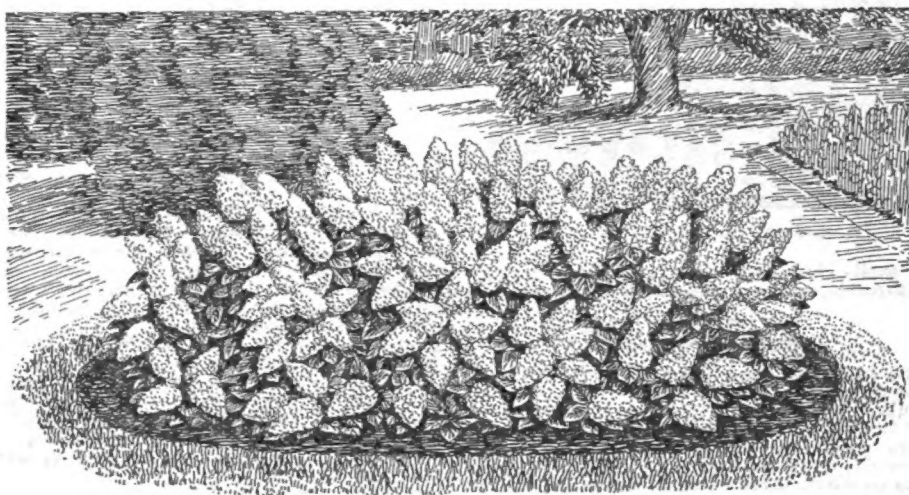
A good companion for it is the late-flowering Golden Rod. Plant these old friends of highway and hillside together, and they will give you a contrast of color that will delight you with its harmony. Like the Aster, the Golden Rod grows to large size under domestication, and the little root you plant this year will have grown into a great clump in three or four years' time. Don't despise the plants because they are "common." Beauty is beauty, under all conditions, and the "common" flowers are often those which give the most satisfaction. Indeed, they are the ones for the amateur to depend on, for their robust, sturdy vitality admirably adapts them to the uses of those who are quite likely to fail with plants which demand careful treatment.

Two Late Flowering Annuals.

Among the annuals which linger after the frosts come, the Aster stands at the head because of its striking and meritorious qualities. That it is a most beautiful flower no one can deny who has seen it growing well. Its wide range of color makes it almost as showy as the Chrysanthemum, and no Chrysanthemum excels it in beauty of form or profusion of bloom. Indeed, of late years, it has become a rather formidable rival of that popular flower, and many are pained off upon unsuspecting persons for "Mums" of the choicest kind! Some varieties so closely resemble those flowers that the imposition is an easy one to carry through without detection. The Branching Aster, and the Comet varieties are tall and stately plants, with flowers borne on such long stalks that decorators find them vastly more effective than the best Chrysanthemums for ornamental work on a large scale. And they

last better than any other flower I know of. Change the water in which they are placed every day, cutting off a bit from the end of each stem in order to expose fresh tissue to the action of the water, and you can keep them looking well for ten days or two weeks.

Ten weeks' stock.—The "Gilly flower" of our grandmothers' day is a plant which used to be seen in every country garden, but of late, like many others of the dear "old-fashioned" flowers, it has been sadly neglected. But the revival of interest in these good old flowers, among those who appreciate real merit, promises to bring it to the front again. There is where it belongs. A plant that has such beautiful and fragrant flowers as this has, and



GROUP OF HYDRANGAEA PANICULATA GRANDIFLORA.

which bears them bravely and cheerfully when the early snows whiten the garden beds in which they grow, ought never to be neglected.

In October, it will be necessary to take some of the recently-potted plants into the house. When this is done be careful to keep them away from fire-heat. If you expose them to a high temperature, they will make a rapid, weak growth, which will lower their vitality to such an extent that they will not be likely to recover from it in all winter. Therefore, keep them, if possible, in a temperature that does not go above sixty-five degrees and admit all the fresh air you can. This is trite advice, perhaps, but it is advice that must be given often, in order to fully impress upon the amateur the great importance of it.

Watering must be regulated to suit the needs of the plants, at this season. Those which are not growing freely will require but little, as evaporation will take place slowly. Keep in mind the good old rule—Let the surface of the soil look dry before more is given. It doesn't matter whether it takes one day, or several, to bring this about. Let the looks of the soil govern you.

On no account should fertilizers be given to plants not making active growth. Dormant plants not only do not need a fertilizer, but they cannot make use of one if it is given. The application of it is a positive injury at such a time because it unnaturally excites the plant which ought to be kept as quiet as possible until it is ready to go to work. Fertilizers are for plants that can assimilate strong food. A plant entirely at rest requires no food at all.

Be ever on the lookout for insects. These breed rapidly under the conditions which prevail in the house at this season. In a warm, dry atmosphere the red spider will do a great deal of injury in a very short time. There is only one way in which to keep him within bounds, and that is by the liberal use of water. Shower your plants all over, daily, taking particular pains to see that the water gets to the underside of the leaves. Keep vessels of it on stove or register, that evaporation may be constantly taking place. The more moisture you communicate to the air the better your plants will grow. If the aphids puts in an appearance, as he very likely will, make prompt and energetic use of the Ivory soap infusion heretofore advised. It is easier to keep your plants from becoming infested by insects than it is to rid them after they have been allowed to take possession. Act on the offensive, rather than the defensive. Assume that they will surely come if you do not head them off, and do all you can to make it so unpleasant for them that they will not care to take up their abode in your window-garden. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Answers to Correspondents.

Mrs. W. F.—Rose Geraniums require larger pots than the flowering Geraniums, because they are grown for their foliage, and in order to have fine foliage it is necessary to encourage vigorous development of branches. Give rich soil and plenty of root-room.



CHRYSANTHEMUM-FLOWERED ASTER.

Elsie B.—Tea Roses are often wintered at the north, in the garden, but in order to bring them through safely they must have the very best of protection. The ideal covering is one of leaves, six or eight inches deep, with wire netting or evergreen

branches to hold them in place. The soil about them must be perfectly drained, as water will kill them if it stands on the surface. Before putting on the leaves, bend the bushes down and cover with three or four inches of sandy soil.

W. S. M.—Shrubs can be transplanted safely in the fall. It can be done any time after the ripening of their foliage. If not done until late in the season, disturb their roots as little as possible. Have the soil in which you set them very mellow so that it can be worked in firmly, about their roots.

Mrs. P. M.—The only really satisfactory winter flowering Fuchsia is the variety called Speciosa. All the others should go into the cellar over winter.

Amateur.—Your Tuberous Begonias can be left in the pots in which they grew during the summer, or you can pick the tubers out of the soil, wrap them in paper, and keep them in a room where they will be cool, but safe from frost. If you leave them in their pots, simply without water until the soil is dry then set them away in a corner where frost cannot reach them. A cupboard is a good place for them. Gloxinias should receive the same treatment.

cause it will have more branches, and the more branches there are the greater the amount of flowering surface. I am well aware that many persons advise discarding Geraniums after they are a year old, but this advice is given because the parties giving it have never tried an old plant properly. If you want a Geranium for winter-flowering, you must not allow it to bloom during the summer. Take one of these old plants—it does not matter if it is two, three, or four years old—cut it back sharply in spring, so that there will be nothing left of it but a mass of stubs instead of branches, re-pot it into a soil of moderate richness, keep it in a pot during the summer, water only sufficiently to keep the soil moist, and pick off every bud that appears. By fall you will have a plant ready to make vigorous growth as soon as you give it encouragement to do so by fertilizing it and giving more water. By the beginning of the year it will be a mass of young growth, and from that time on to spring it will produce flowers constantly, and in great profusion, while a young plant, started in spring from a cutting, will have but two or three branches, and can, of course, give but few flowers, as there can never be more than one cluster at a time on the same branch. Those who give old plants a good trial will never willingly thereafter make use of young plants for winter flowering. I have specimens of Geraniums five and six years old in my greenhouse which are literally covered with flowers winter after winter, and the treatment given them is the one I have outlined above. One reason why so many are prejudiced against old plants for winter is—they have tried to make those which did duty in the garden during the summer blossom on during the winter, and in this attempt they have failed. They lost sight of the fact that few plants can blossom continually. The satisfactory winter-flowering Geranium must always be the one that has not been asked to give flowers during summer.

Copper Cures Consumption

New Treatment for Consumption Indorsed by Member of British Tuberculosis Congress—"Antidotum Tuberculose" (the Copper Cure) Marvel of the Medical World—Hope for All, No Matter How Bad Off:

Benefits Congressman's Dingley's Son and Cures Others of Quick, Galloping and Fast Consumption in Their Own Home—Any One Can Receive FREE Specially Written Books Which Explain Exhaustively the Cure and Prevention of Consumption by "Antidotum Tuberculose"—Let Every Reader of COMFORT Write the Company at Once.



O. K. BUCKHOUT.

Chairman Kalamazoo Tuberculosis Remedy Co. (Ltd.) Member of British Tuberculosis Congress; Member International Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Consumptives need not worry about their future any more, as the long-looked-for cure for consumption has at last been found, and a cure is now just as sure as in the simplest disease. To satisfy yourself of this you have only to write the Kalamazoo Tuberculosis Remedy Co., 261 Main St., Kalamazoo, Mich., of which the chairman is Mr. O. K. Buckhout, a noted member of the British Tuberculosis Congress and also of the International Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, composed of world-famous men who have made consumption—its cure and prevention—a life study. This cure is something entirely new and is called "Antidotum Tuberculose," or the Copper Cure, and is the only discovery we know of that absolutely kills all tuberculosis germs which cause consumption, as, unless this is done, the disease cannot be cured. As the name of the remedy tells, its chief ingredient is copper, which metal has at last been found to be the deadly enemy of the consumption germ. "Antidotum Tuberculose" is the original copper cure.

You can tell if you have consumption by the coughing and hawking, by continually spitting, especially in the morning, when you throw yellow and black matter, by bleeding from the lungs, night sweats, flat chest, fever, weak voice, peculiar flushed complexion, pain in chest, wasting away of the flesh, etc. Find out how the Copper Cure kills the germs, then builds up the lungs, strengthens the heart, puts flesh on the body and muscles on the bones until the consumption is all gone and you are again a strong, healthy robust man or woman.

Don't doubt this, for the very same discovery benefited A. H. Dingley, a son of Congressman Dingley of Dingley Tariff Bill fame, who went West and South for relief and didn't get it, and came back with death staring him in the face, and was benefited by Antidotum Tuberculose after all else had failed. It cured John Devries of Kalamazoo of galloping consumption; Adrian de Die, 1638 S. West street, of quick consumption; P. H. De Smith of Dalton Mich., and many cases which wasted away to skeletons.

So don't give up hope, and don't spend your money in travel. Attend to it right away, for consumption spreads to other members of the family. If you have consumption or fear you are predisposed to it write tonight to the Kalamazoo Tuberculosis Remedy Co., 261 Main street, Kalamazoo, Mich., and they will send you illustrated and scholarly books, free of charge telling you fully how the Copper Cure will cure you in your own home in a very short time.

Cash for Your Real Estate

ANYWHERE in United States. Country, city or seashore. Send us full description at once. C. K. AMIDON & SON, 45 Milk St., Boston.

ASTHMA Cured to stay CURED. Health restored. Book FREE. DR. HAYES, Buffalo, N. Y. LADIES, Pin Money, Flavors, Perfumes. Credit. Agt. terms free. Herbene Agency Co., Box 354, Station L, New York.

Our Home Workers

Busy Bees with Thread and with Needle.



WINTER isn't far off, and it is wise to provide in advance for such articles of wearing apparel as are usually made at home, and which are actual necessities. First in this line come mittens for the children. The Angora mittens seem to be in high favor, and to make same, knit on medium sized steel needles.

Cast thirty-six stitches on three needles, knit ribbing one and three-fourths inches in length.

Then begin plain knitting, beginning gore for thumb by seaming one stitch, widening the next two stitches to make four; seam next stitch. Increase this gore by widening between the two seams—stitch every third round till there are sixteen stitches.

After widening the last time, knit two rounds, then take off on a string the sixteen stitches, leaving those stitches to be taken up for thumb. Next knit two and one-fourth inches, then narrow at end of every needle for one round, next round without narrowing, next round narrow in center of every needle, next round without narrowing, then narrow every needle one stitch every round till all are narrowed. Pick up stitches of thumb, knit two inches, then narrow one stitch on every needle till all are narrowed.



KNIT BEDROOM SLIPPER.

Bedroom shoes and slippers are not confined to the female members of the family, but are equally desirable and comfortable for the boys and men.

For the knitted bedroom slipper, use four-fold Germantown, one-half each of two good contrasting colors. Use two steel knitting needles, size No. 14.

Cast on eighteen stitches and knit across plain. Purl back. Knit across, purl back, knit one, thread over needle, knit one; now tie on the light color, but don't break off the thread of dark color; knit two stitches of light color, then slip two stitches off without knitting them, then knit two, and slip two all across except last two on needle; turn. Leave same two on needle, purl two, slip two, purl two, slip two all across, leave last three on needle, knit across same last row and purl and slip back. Now knit with dark color across plain, thread over needle, before knitting last stitch on needle. Purl back, knit one thread over needle, before knitting last stitch. Make four rows of dark color. Now knit four rows of light color, same as before, then the dark color, knit the same way, making two more stitches every second row, till you have about nine rows of light squares, knitting two rows of dark color last; then bind off but eighteen stitches; knit these, widening, till it is long enough to go around the heel and sew on the other side of upper crochet round top same as for a crocheted slipper; put in elastic with a bow of ribbon in front.



CROCHET BEDROOM SLIPPER.

For the crocheted bedroom slipper, use eight-fold Germantown wool.

Commence by making fifteen chains, make half stitch rib, and widen by three other stitches in every row. Make eighteen rows (or nine ribs); this completes the vamp. To begin sides of foot, take up twelve stitches, rib, make thirty-eight rows (or nineteen ribs). Connect at left side, finish top by making shell, six whole stitches for first row, and seven stitches for second row. Finish front by making bow of ribbon and sewing to vamp.

The bedroom shoe shown here-with is crocheted, and if made of pink and gray Germantown, one hank of each, will prove very attractive. Begin with the grey, making a chain of sixteen stitches.

First row—Make seven single crochet into each following chain three single crochet into each stitch, then seven single crochet.

Second row—Plain, single crochet, picking up the back stitch to form the rib.

Third row—Plain, eight single crochet, three single crochet into the ninth stitch, then eight single crochet.

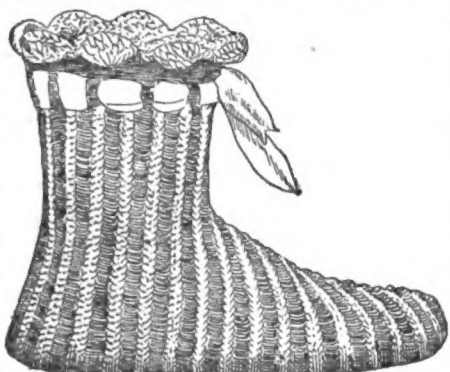
Fourth row—Plain.

Continue like this until you have seventeen ribs (nine grey and eight pink), the last row having twenty-four stitches on each side of center stitch, then pick up twenty-four stitches, and add a chain of sixteen stitches. Crochet back and forth on thirty-nine stitches until you have thirty-one ribs (sixteen pink and fifteen grey), then join to the front of the shoe.

With the grey make one chain and one double crochet into each rib around the top of the shoe to hold the ribbon, then two rows of shells.

We saw a blanket wrap for a twelve-year-old, recently, which was made from a bed blanket in which the colors of the border had run into the white of the blanket, and made it unsightly. As the blanket had not been used long enough to become thin,

it was dyed in red Diamond dye and made into a blanket wrap, to which a red cord and tassel



CROCHET BEDROOM SHOE.

was easily matched—thus making a pretty, comfortable, and very inexpensive wrapper.

Beauty Lace.

This pattern is worked short wise. Make a chain of 24 stitches. First row—One treble into twenty-first stitch of chain, two chain, pass over two stitches, one treble into the next, two chain, pass over three stitches, two trebles separated by three chain into the next, two chain pass over three stitches, one treble into the next, * two chain, pass over to stitches, one treble into the next, repeat from * once more turn.

Second row—Five chain, one treble into the second treble, two chain, pass over two stitches one treble into the next, two chain, five trebles under three chain, * two chain, pass over two stitches one treble into the next, repeat from * twice more.

Third row—Five chain, one treble into second treble, two chain, two trebles separated by three chain into center of five trebles * two chain, one treble into next treble, repeat from * twice more, repeat the second and third rows twice more.

Eighth row—Fifth chain, one treble into second treble, two chain, one treble into next treble, two chain, five trebles under three chain, * two chain, one treble into next treble, repeat from * twice more.

Ninth row—Six chain, one treble into first treble, two chain, one treble into next treble, two chain, one treble into next treble, two chain, two trebles separated by three chain into the center of five trebles, * two chain, one treble into next treble, repeat from * twice more.

Tenth row—Five chain, one treble into second treble, two chain, one treble into next treble, two chain, five trebles under three chain, * two chain, one treble into next treble, repeat from * twice more, twenty-two trebles under six chain, work across the end treble of seventh row with three singles turn.

Eleventh row—* Three chain, pass over two trebles, one treble into each of the next two stitches, repeat from * four times more, three chain, one treble into first stitch of heading, * two chain, pass over two stitches, one treble into next, repeat from last * once more, two chain, two trebles separated by three chain into centre of five trebles, * two chain, one treble into next treble, repeat from * twice more, turn.

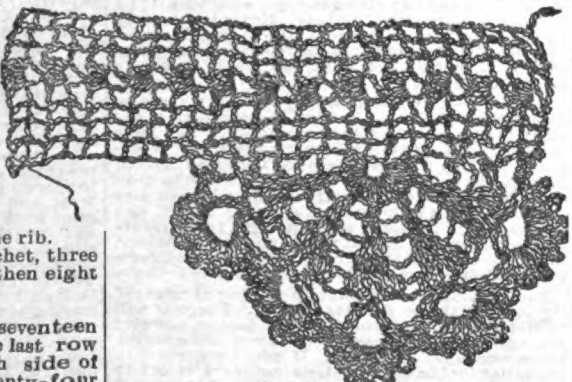
Twelfth row—Five chain, one treble into second treble, two chain, one treble into next treble, two chain, five trebles under two chain, repeat from * twice more, * four chain three trebles over two trebles, repeat from last * four times more, four chain, work across the end treble of fifth row, with singles, turn.

Thirteenth row—Five chain, four trebles over three trebles, of last row, repeat from * four times more, finish the heading as described for third row.

Fourteenth row—Work the heading like second row, five chain, * six trebles over the last row, three chain, repeat from * four times more, end the scallop with five instead of three chain, work four singles across the end of third row.

Fifteenth row—Four chain, * four trebles, two chain and four trebles over six trebles of last row, two chain, repeat from * four times more at the end of the scallop, work four instead of two chain, work down the heading as described for third row.

Sixteenth row—Work across the heading like second row, three chain one treble into first of four trebles, four chain, * two double trebles,

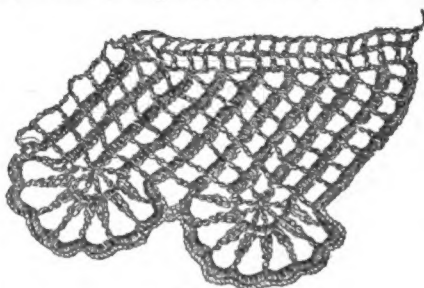


BEAUTY LACE.

six chain and two double trebles under two chain, three chain, two trebles under next two chain, three chain, repeat from * four times more, three chain, one treble into last of four trebles, three chain, work across the end of first row with four singles.

Seventeenth row—Three chain, three trebles under the chain after the first treble, one chain, two trebles under six chain, * six chain one double into the first, two trebles under the chain, repeat from * six times more, two chain, one double into center of two next trebles, two chain, repeat from * six times more, two chain,

one double into center of two next trebles, two chain, repeat from * four times more, work across the heading like the third row.



FAN BAR LACE.

Eighteenth row—Like the second row.

Nineteenth row—Like the third row.

Repeat from the second row for the length required.

Made out of No 40 white thread, it is very pretty for anything that has to visit the laundry often.

Fan Bar Lace.

Ch 28, turn, miss 7, a treble in next, ch 3, a treble in 4th repeat twice making 2 more open spaces.

Second row—3 doubles under 3 ch, 1 on treble, continue to end of row. Repeat these two rows 3 times so that you have 4 rows of open spaces then make alternately 1 treble, 2 ch, six times in the last double of previous row, fasten, turn 1 double on treble 2 under 2 ch, go up the entire row making doubles.

Ninth row—Ch 7, a treble in first double ch 3, miss 3, a treble in next, repeat and make 3 more open spaces, ch 2, thread over needle twice, make a joined double treble in 2 doubles, ch 5, make 5 more spikes (joined double trebles), fasten, turn, make 8 doubles under 5 ch; continue making doubles all the way up and repeat from 1st row.

For the heading make 2 rows of open spaces of 1 treble and 2 ch.

Star Wheel.

Begin wheel with 8 chain, join. First row—3 ch, which counts as a double, 24 dc over center ch, join to top of 3 ch with a sl st.

Third row—4 ch, 1 dc in same place, 2 ch, 1 dc in 3d st of last row, 1 ch, 1 dc in same place, 2 ch, 2 dc with 1 ch between in 6th dc of last row, next in 9th st, and so on until there are 8 groups of doubles with 2 ch between.

Third row—3 dc on top of each group of two of last row, with 3 ch between each.

Fourth row—4 dc on each group of 3 dc of last row, with 4 ch between each group.

Fifth row—6 dc on each group of 4 dc in last row, with 4 ch between.

Sixth row—4 dc, 2 ch, and 4 dc on top of each group of 6 dc in last row with 5 ch between each group.

Seventh row—10 tr, which are made by throwing thread around needle twice, and working off 2 at a time, over the 3 ch of last row, 3 singles over 5 ch; repeat around wheel.

Eighth row—4 ch, fasten with sl st between every tr of last row, repeat around scallop, 2 singles on 3 singles; finish other scallops in same way.



STAR WHEEL.

Each row is begun with 3 ch, which counts as a tr, and end of row is joined to top of 3 ch, with a sl st, as described in 1st row.

Crochet Edging.

Commence with the rosettes in the center. Make a chain of 6 stitches, join * under the ch, work 1 d, 1-2 tr, 3 tr, 1-2 tr, repeat from * 3 times more, break cotton and fasten. Make as many of these rosettes as are required for the length. For your rosette, commence with heading side.

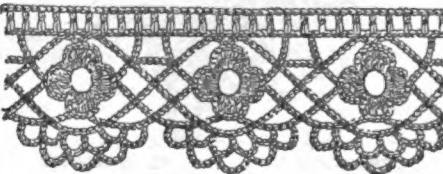
1st Row—1 tr in 4th stitch of scallop of rosette, ch 7, 1 d in center of next scallop, ch 7, 1 tr in side next scallop, ch 4, take another rosette and repeat from beginning.

2nd Row—1 d, tr in 1st tr of last row, ch 6, 1 d, in 6th of ch 7, ch 2, 1 d, in 2nd of next ch 7, ch 6, 1 d, tr in next tr, ch 3 Repeat from beginning of row.

3rd Row—1 tr in a stitch, 1 ch, skip 1, repeat far edge on the other side of rosette, work:

1st Row—1 tr in the same stitch, the tr of last row was worked in, ch 4, 1 tr in side of next scallop of rosette, ch 9, 1 tr in side of next scallop, ch 4, 1 tr in same stitch, the treble of last row was worked in, ch 4, 1 d, in center of ch 5 (see design) ch 4. Repeat from beginning of row.

2d Row—1 tr in tr of last row, ch 5, 1 half tr



CROCHET EDGING.

in last of ch 4, ch 5, 1 d in 2d of ch 9, * ch 5, skip 2, 1 d in next, repeat from * twice more, ch 5, 1 tr in next tr of last row. Repeat from the beginning of the row.

3d Row.—1 sc in the 2 first stitches of last row, * ch 6 1 d in center of ch 5, repeat from * 4 times more, 1 sc into each of 2 next stitches. Repeat from the beginning of the row.

CROCHET SHELL EDGING.

1st Row—* 1 tr into a stitch, ch 2, skip 2; repeat from * 6 times more, turn; ch 7, skip 4, 1 d in next turn; under the chain work 6 d, ch 3, 6 d, skip 2, 1 tr into next 2 ch, skip 2, 1 tr in next, turn; work 2 tr in each 7 first stitches of last row, ch 3, skip 1, 2 tr into each of the 7 next stitches, skip 4, 1 d in next, 1 sc in each of next 5 stitches, turn; ch 2, skip 1, 1 tr in next, * ch, 3, skip 1, tr in next, repeat from * twice more ch 3, skip 1, into top stitch of scallop work 2 tr separated by ch 5, ch 3, skip 1, 1 tr in next, * ch 3, skip 2, 1 tr in next, repeat from * twice more, ch 3, skip 2, 1 tr in next, skip 2, 1 tr in next, * ch 2, skip 2, 1 tr in next, repeat from last * 8 times more, then repeat from first.

For the edge. 1 tr in 1st stitch of scallop, * ch 6, 1 d in 3rd, ch 2, 1 d in center of next ch between tr; repeat from * ten times more; (at the top of scallop do not pass over any stitches between the trebles) ch 4, 1 d in center of foundation between the scallops, ch 4. Repeat from beginning of the row. On the other side of foundation chain work one double into each chain.

A Dainty Economical Table.

Bessie Burt writes that she recently made a very pretty table with very little expense.



A square pine table served for the foundation; over the top tack two thick pieces of double-faced, white Canton flannel; then one thickness finished neatly with a hem, was tacked around the four sides. Now cut a square of silesia to fit the top, and cover with dotted white Swiss; box

plait a skirt of Swiss to this just long enough to escape the floor, fit it over the covered table and you will have a charming addition to your room. A great advantage in using white is, that it can be laundered frequently, and when fresh always looks as dainty as if new.

Few People Realize

The Danger in That Common Disease, Catarrh.

Because catarrhal diseases are so common and because catarrh is not rapidly fatal, people too often overlook and neglect it until some incurable ailment develops as a result of the neglect.

The inflamed condition of the membrane of the nose and throat makes a fertile soil for the germs of Pneumonia and Consumption, in fact catarrhal pneumonia and catarrhal consumption are the most common forms of these dreaded diseases which annually cause more than one quarter of the deaths in this country.

Remedies for catarrh are almost as numerous as catarrh sufferers but very few have any actual merit as a cure, the only good derived being simply a temporary relief.

There is, however, a very effective remedy recently discovered which is rapidly becoming famous for its great value in relieving and permanently curing all forms of catarrhal diseases, whether located in the head, throat, lungs or stomach.

This new catarrh cure is principally composed of a gum derived from the Eucalyptus tree, and this gum possesses extraordinary healing and antiseptic properties. It is taken internally in the form of a lozenge or tablet, pleasant to the taste and so harmless that little children take them with safety and benefit.

Eucalyptus oil and the bark are sometimes used but are not so convenient nor so palatable as the gum.

Undoubtedly the best quality is found in Stuart's Catarrh Tablets which may be found in any drug store and any catarrh sufferer who has tried douches, inhalers and liquid medicines, will be surprised at the rapid improvement after a few days' use of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets which are composed of the gum of the Eucalyptus tree, combined with the other antiseptics which destroy the germs of catarrh in the blood and expel the catarrhal poison from the system.

Dr. Ramsdell in speaking of Catarrh and its cure says: "After many experiments I have given up the idea of curing catarrh by the use of inhalers, washes, salves or liquid medicines. I have always had the best results from Stuart's Catarrh Tablets; the red gum and other valuable antiseptics contained in these tablets make them, in my opinion, far superior to any of the numerous catarrh remedies so extensively advertised. The fact that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are sold in drug stores, under protection of a trademark, should not prejudice conscientious physicians against them because their undoubted merit and harmless character make them a remedy which every catarrh sufferer may use with perfect safety and the prospect of a permanent cure."

For colds in the head, for coughs, catarrhal deafness and catarrh of the stomach and liver, people who have tried them say that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are a household necessity.

\$2.00 OUTFIT FREE TO AGENTS

Five Best Selling Articles and Catalog, Exp. Prepaid. We are largest manufacturers of New Novelties in Aluminum, Granite and Tinware in the U. S. Address Dept. X, HOUSEHOLD NOVELTY WORKS, Chicago, Ill., or Buffalo, N. Y.

Boys & Girls Wanted To be our Watches, cameras, sporting goods, jewelry, agents. away for selling only 18 packages of our quick selling Bluing at 10c a package. We ask no money in advance. Send for agents outfit today with premium list. Address: Excelsior Bluing Co., Dept. 136, Chicago.

MADE \$105 THE FIRST MONTH writes FRED BLODGETT, of N. Y. J. L. BARRICK, of La., writes: "Am making \$3.00 to \$5.00 every day I work." MRS. L. M. ANDERSON, of Iowa, writes: "I made \$5.00 to \$5.50 a day." Hundreds doing likewise. So can you. \$5.00 to \$10.00 daily made plating jewelry, tabware, bicycles, metal goods with gold, silver, nickel, etc. Enormous demand. **Two Teach You FREE!** Write—offer free. G. Gray & Co., Plating Works, A Miami Bldg., Cincinnati, O.

Grossman's Fashion CatalogueNo. 71 is now ready.
MAILED FREE FOR THE ASKING.Contains all the Newest and Most Stylish Designs in
Raglans, Jackets, Capes, Skirts,
Waists, Fur, Petticoats,
Suits, Etc.

\$4.98

WRITE FOR IT TODAY.

Agents Wanted to represent
us. Handsome sample outfit fur-
nished. Write at once for particulars.No. 9032 H \$4.98
JACKETThis handsome Ladies' Jacket is
made of a very fine quality black
Kersey Cloth, has the new Gibson
shoulder straps inlaid with velvet
and finished with stitching; has
silk velvet collar, new style sleeves
with cuffs, two pockets; lined with
black silk tulle, 27 inches long,
half-fitted back.Send \$1 give your name, address,
number of garment and necessary
measurements and this beautiful
jacket will be forwarded to your
nearest express office C. O. D. with
privilege of examination.Grossman's Garments are worn by stylish dressers in every part
of the country. They are designed after the newest models,
are perfect fitting and are sold at prices within reach of all.
EDWARD B. GROSSMAN & CO.
170-172 STATE ST. CHICAGO
THE GREAT MAIL ORDER CLOAK HOUSE.**THE NATURAL BODY BRACE**10 years of dem-
onstrated success.**TRIAL
FREE****CURES**
Female Weakness,
Nervousness, Weak
Back, Stomach
Disorders, Abdom-
inal Pains, Dis-
comforts from
Standing or Walk-
ing.Wholly external.
Comfortable. Ad-
justable to fit any
figure (thin or
stout). Worn with
or without corset.
No metal springsaround the body. A boon to the prospective mother.
Many thousands of grateful women write us like this:
"I bought a Natural Body Brace which has
cured me of general female weakness in its worst form.
I cannot find words to praise it as it deserves."Write for our illustrated booklet. It will save
you hundreds of dollars and years of health. It is
mailed free with full particulars. Address
THE NATURAL BODY BRACE CO.,
Howard C. Rash, Mgr., Box 27, Salina, Kansas.
Beware of imitations, copyists and infringers.**FREE HAIR GROWER!**To prove that Lorrimer's
Excellor Hair Grower and
Lorrimer's Skin and Scalp
Soap will grow hair upon the
balddest head, stop hair falling,
cure weak eyebrows and eye-
lashes, scurf, itching, dandruff,
scalp and restore gray and
faded hair to its natural
color, we will send a full
trial outfit of the greatest
hair grower on earth.
Absolutely free on appli-
cation. Enlarge and address distinctly.**LORRIMER & CO., WORLD'S HAIR
GROWERS.**
Dept. 57 116 N. Paca St., Baltimore, Md.**YOUR EYESIGHT**Is priceless; guard it carefully—
the least imperfection may lead
to total blindness. A method has
been discovered that cures any
eye trouble without the knife or
pain at your own home. Dr.
Curtis, the originator of this new
method will send you his pro-
fessional opinion and his great
book, "Blindness and Deafness,"
absolutely free if you send him
a statement of your case.

Dr. F. GEO. CURTIS, 542 Skidmore Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

FREE!—Absolutely FREE!If you send 25c. and a 2c. stamp for one of my Celebrated
Gold Wire Brooches, I will make you a present of a
beautiful Wire Expanding
Ring. Any Name
or Initial required. Re-
member, you have only
to send 25 cents and a 2c.
stamp.and you get Brooch and Present both
at once. I am also giving my customers
a beautiful Curb Bracelet, or a Watch
and Chain on easy conditions. Send
to-day.
E. P. HARRIS,
842 Main St., Springfield, Mass.**\$6 TO \$18 WEEKLY**Addressing and Mail-
ing Circulars
AT HOME.
We furnish circulars
free and pay weekly.
NO CASH ADVANCING.
Address G.
GREAT AMERICAN COFFEE TEA CO.,
41 and 43 Franklin St., New York.**A \$5.00 H. S. Family****Knitting Machine.** Knits
Thousand Stitches per Minute.
Knits a sock heel and toe in
fifteen minutes. All kinds hos-
iery and fancy stitches; hoods,
scarfs, mitts; all household require-
ments. Satisfaction guaranteed.
Agents wanted. Send for circular
and sample to **THE BRADDOCK KNITTING
MACHINE CO., 935 Braddock Ave., Braddock, Pa.****EASY WORK** At home in spare
hours. \$3 per day.
Neither sex. No canvassing. No capital required.
SOLAR CO., Providence, R. I.**LADIES** to do piece work at their homes. We furnish
all material and pay from \$7 to \$12 weekly.
Experience unnecessary. Send stamped en-
velope to **ROYAL CO., Desk C, 34 Monroe St., Chicago.****THE YANKEE FIRE-KINDLER** Builds 100 Fires
with 2¢ of Oil.
Rated 3 years. Greatest Seller for Agents ever invented. Sample with
terms prepaid, 1¢. **THE YANKEE FIRE-KINDLER CO., BOX 21 OLNEY, ILL.****COMBINATION DIPPER** Useful in
all cases. FREE AGENTS. 2¢ each. Send for
terms. **C. S. HORNOR CO., 1600 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.****AGENTS CREDIT.** Perfumes, Flavors, etc.
Big Profits. Exp. Pd. Terms free.
Merchandise Agency Co., Box 254, Station L, New York.
Ladies' Comfort Shoes. Elastic Side. Fine Dongola.
Rubber Heel. Tip or plain Toe. State size and width. Sent post-
paid, \$2.00. **Winthrop Mfg. Co., 116 Bedford St., Boston, Mass.****Fashions for Fall.****What Women Wear
& How to Make It.**

New York, October, 1902.

ALTHOUGH the full fall fashions are
not yet out in all their glory, there is
enough in view to indicate pretty
plainly that taste in dress has not
reached a quieter tone than the sum-
mer brings forth. Dressmakers and tailors are
busy with new things and the stores have put
away the numerous articles they had on view
largely during September for school girl wear,
and have substituted displays for women and
children, for the little ones these days are al-
most as much creatures of fashion as the
grown-ups.At this season of the year when long coats
are too warm for general wear, short reefer
suits are quite comfortable garments for little peo-
ple when the mornings and evenings are cool
enough to require them. Sometimes the
reefers, or short jackets, are made of pique or
linen and braided, or the braid put on in rows;
feather stitching is a pretty finish also, for the
useful little wraps. French flannel or serge
makes a nice light weight reefer without any
lining, and the seams bound with narrow rib-
bons. These jackets are closed in front with
large pearl buttons, and a cape collar extends
over the shoulders.To make a reefer for a child two years old, it
will take one and one-half yards of material,
twenty-seven inches wide.The new pin dotted wool goods ranks next to
the new mirror velvet. The dotted wool fabrics
are especially suited to the school girl; being
so fine and soft, they can be made with all the
numerous tuckings that are now the rage.
Sometimes a plain color is used with this dotted
material, stitched on in bands with silk the
color of the dots; for instance, a plain navy
blue ground with red dots and bands of red
stitched with blue is quite an attraction, and
becoming to either blonde or brunette.Both old and young wear with grace similar
styles. All the family frocks run to the blouse
effects, and the skirts are all designed on the
order of middle effects; that is, all the
trimming runs midway between the waist
line and the hem on the bottom of the skirt.
Only tiny girls' skirts are trimmed directly on
the bottom. Fashion says, woman is to wel-
come the colored and the tinted pongees and
fannels in the form of pajamas. No more
soft flowing night gowns for girls of all ages,
but pajamas. These are fine for children in
their infancy, but what say the dainty misses
of such a fashion freak?As the leaves begin to fall, so does the vivid
fashionable color green begin to fall in enthu-
siasm. No more profuse green color for a
while. When the green craze first reached
New York it was almost impossible to meet the
demand for green veils. But now the green
spots are gently gliding from our view.The most modest veil often matches the hat
and the costume in color. White veils barred
with black are worn, but to many persons they
are unbecoming.A dainty and lovely late fancy appears in the
negligee costume, a pretty dressing sack and
skirt to match, and the very dainty effect is
what every woman will like. A suit of this
kind is quite attractive made of white pongee
and trimmed with the very dark Arabian lace
and black velvet ribbon; the sack reaches to
the waist line in the back, but comes to a point
in the front; bell shaped sleeves and broad
collar trimmed with the lace and the collar is
fastened with a bow of black velvet ribbon.
The skirt is gored but the back width is gath-
ered a little full on to a tiny yoke, and a ruffle
of lace finishes the bottom of the skirt; also
the beading and velvet as a heading for the
ruffle of lace.A most useful and charming blouse for
autumn wear is made of two yards of white
ludian head. The fronts are stamped in an
elaborate pattern and braided in coronation
style and finished with French knots of heavy
thread (white, number twenty.) The cost of
the braid is twenty-five cents and the two
yards of Indian head will be only twenty cents,
so with your time and an expenditure of fifty
cents you have one of the most useful and
pretty blouses. It may be worn with tailor-
made suit or without.The lace mania goes on. The combination of
two laces seems to lead; black and white, used
together in various ways. All-over white lace
has a pretty effect when put over black, and
black lace used for the finishing of the gar-
ment. Collars and cuffs of lace will be much
worn on velvet. Cover the velvet collar and
cuffs with either black or white lace, or both.
Deep lace collars are worn. Heavy lace
applied with cloth is used on tailor-made
suits. Laces strapped with cloth will also be
in vogue. Many gowns are made without
trimming except a deep lace collar. Small
jackets of very heavy lace, both in black and
white are made and worn with many costumes,
producing a pretty and dressy effect. The old-
time lace sack with sleeves, worn by our an-
cestors will, no doubt, soon appear on some up-
to-date gowns of the present day. The wool
laces which are dyed to match the gowns are
to appear soon in the line of laces already so
popular. These are also seen in white and ecru,
some of them with flashes of very bright colors
which make a striking trimming.Plaid dresses for half grown girls are made
on the bias with a seam down the front.The only trimming on a young child's skirt is
a row of feather-stitching above the hem,
done in very heavy silk embroidery.Plain colors in material will be much in
vogue for the coming season; browns of all
shades, greens, dark reds, old rose and a goodly
share of blues. Flannel also is a favorite ma-
terial and will be much in evidence.A dainty frock for a two year old is made of
white albatross trimmed with baby satin rib-
bon.Boys' suits look best when worn with black
or white leather belts.For a school girl, the best belt is one of the
same material as the gown and stiffened with a
belt tape ribbon.All walking skirts and outing skirts of every
kind of material are made up without linings,
and the gored skirt with a wide flare at the
bottom seems to be a popular one, also the
plaited skirt, but in this one, in order to avoid
the thickness about the hips the skirt is plaited
onto a tiny hip yoke.With great effort on the part of women, the
tailor-made suit which is being turned out now
with a small sweep will be over-ruled and here-
after cut short.The combination of one smooth and one
rough material will appear in our Fall outing
and walking costumes, and the blue, brown
and gray mixtures will be in vogue.Our foreign sisters seem to have exhausted
material by introducing on the tailor suits
soft leathers, which are found in almost any
color and shade. These are used as bands,
pipings, collars and cuffs, as well as belts. Some
of the pipings on the sombre wool goods are in
orange leather. A suit of brown wool trimmed
with bands of the same goods, stitched with
orange silk and pipings of orange leather and
a belt of leather is a pleasing reality. It is
worn with a hat of all brown. Any of the new
tailor designs can be used in making this suit
of brown.**Answers to Fashion Inquirers.**Mrs. Helen R., Ripley, O.—You can content your-
self with the present style as there will be little
change. (2) Be careful in fitting the child, see that
the armholes of the dress are exactly in the right
places; if placed too far front it will produce a
stooped effect of the shoulders; have the back of
the waist fit perfectly tight allowing much fullness
in the front. It is as much the fault of the fitting of
the garment as the figure of the child. (3) The
night-dresses with worn out lace yokes can be
made into plain white aprons and skirts for small
girls. This accumulation of muslin and cambric
"left-overs" will furnish many other useful, as
night pillow cases for baby's crib, etc.Katy Did, Ozark, Mo.—Stockings are certainly
well worth considering. If too small, they soon
wear out, and if too large they injure the feet, and
all new stockings should be well darned, that is
run well on the wrong side in the heels and the
toes before ever wearing them, and this manner of
treatment insures double wear. This should be
done with soft darning cotton and by all means
children's stockings should receive this treatment.
Silk stockings should be darned with silk thread,
yet a very pretty darning can be made with soft
cotton floss the color of the stockings.Miss Alice B., Ashland, Ky.—Lace applique is
used more than ever as trimming; and sleeves are
growing larger. (2) On a blouse for a dressy oc-
casion the collar is the same as the trimming used
on the blouse. The separate ribbon and stock are
used more on the simple waists which are worn
with the tailor made suits. There is a great deal
of hand work on the waists of the present day;
feather stitching, old time cross stitching, and many
other stitches of past ages, and all can be done at
home. Braiding also is in vogue and never loses
its hold on fashion. The combination braids are
the up-to-date trimming; for instance in a red,
white and silver braid, the three being joined to-
gether by catch stitching.Mrs. R. M., Canton, Ohio.—As to belts, they are
numerous in style and any kind are worn; it all
depends on the figure of the wearer; a stout per-
son should avoid a belt of different color from her
gown as it makes the waist appear shorter. Belts
with wide buckles in the back are much worn and
as the belt gets narrow toward the front quite a
small buckle fastens it.Miss Mary S., Parkersburg, Va.—A morning gown
is what you need made of solid blue linen, cut in
strips and put together with bands of white linen,
and made in the most simple way; no trimming,
using only the bands of both blue and white linen
stitched together, then cut out. Use the blue for
one stripe and the white for the other; this can be
worn very late in the fall.Mrs. Martha K., Vernon, Texas.—The deep
shaped bertha in all manner of fabrics are much
worn and tucks of every kind are the favorite
trimming. One pretty finish of the tuckings is to
outline each tuck with a tiny fold of a contrasting
color, for instance, a blue tucked blouse can be
outlined with delicate pink folds, and a green one
with folds of black, and so on making a simple and
quite an attractive bodice.Mother, Avalon, N. Y.—Black and white Shep-
herd's plaid will make a very pretty serviceable
dress for a child; vest and collar and the belt can
be made of white cloth and trimmed with black
braid, two widths of the braid may be used, one
very wide the other quite narrow. If desired large**CURES GOITRE**A well known Cincinnati physician has dis-
covered a remedy that cures Goitre, or Thick Neck.
And to prove this he sends a free trial package so
that patients may try and know positively that
Goitre can be cured. Send your name and address
to Dr. John P. Haig, 3873 Glenn Bldg., Cincinnati,
Ohio, tell him your age, the size and location of
your goitre and how long you have had it and he
will be glad to send you free, a large trial package
of his home cure, postage paid.**44 Pc. TEA SET FREE**To every lady who takes orders for 10 cans of our Baking Powder, etc., (on our Plan No. 79)
giving free to each purchaser a beautiful Gold and Floral Decorated
China Fruit or Berry Set, 7 pieces, we give this 44-pc. handsomely
decorated Tea Set, full size for table use, free. No money required
in advance. Simply send your name & address & we will send
you our plans, order blank, etc. We will allow you time to deliver
the Baking Powder, & collect the money before you pay us. You
run no risk, as we pay the freight, & will trust you with the Bak-
ing Powder & Dish, etc. We also give away 117-Piece Dinner
Sets, Dress Skirts, Couches, Furnitures, Rings, Tables, etc. Address
KING MFG. CO., 623 King Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.**I Will Cure You of
Rheumatism****Else No Money Is Wanted.**After 2,000 experiments, I have learned how to
cure Rheumatism. Not to turn bony joints into
flesh again; that is impossible. But I can cure the
disease always, at any stage, and forever.I ask for no money. Simply write me a postal
and I will send you an order on your nearest drug-
gist for six bottles Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure, for
every druggist keeps it. Use it for a month and,
if it succeeds, the cost is only \$5.50. If it fails, I
will pay your druggist myself.
I have no samples, because any medicine that
can affect Rheumatism quickly must be drugged to
the verge of danger. I use no such drugs, and
it is folly to take them. You must get the disease
out of the blood.My remedy does that, even in the most difficult,
obstinate cases. No matter how impossible this
seems to you, I know it and I take the risk. I
have cured tens of thousands of cases in this way,
and my records show that 39 out of 40 who get those
six bottles pay gladly. I have learned that people
in general are honest with a physician who cures
them. That is all I ask. If I fail I don't expect a
penny from you.Simply write me a postal card or letter. I will
send you my book about Rheumatism, and an
order for the medicine. Take it for a month, as it
won't harm you anyway. If it fails it is free, and
I leave the decision with you. Address Dr. Shoop,
Box 304, Racine, Wis.Mild cases, not chronic, are often cured by one or
two bottles. At all druggists.

pearl buttons also can be used with pretty effect.

School Miss, Tucker, Utah.—The most useful
petticoats are made of gingham or plain chambray,
a ruffle on the bottom edged with tiny white braid
or buttonhole in the same color as the skirt. (2)
Make the flannel petticoat with a deep yoke of
muslin; gore the widths of flannel and put them on
the yoke plain. (3) Wear with the cloth tailor
made suit a dainty blouse of soft silk. Every-
thing for a school girl must be dainty, and made in
the simplest manner. (4) Use the combination
braid on sailor suit in this way: take a wide blue
braid, then the white braid half as wide as the blue,
and silver, half as wide as the white. This is particu-
larly striking and something new and pleasing.Miss Julia M., Silverlake, Wis.—You can make
collars innumerable. One can be made of the cor-
ners of a fine embroidered handkerchief. Cut off
three corners as large as you like, overlay each just
a little and sew to the band; another may be made
of white lawn with a hem of French knots in black
or any color. Another can be made of ecru linen by
turning the hem up on the right side and holding
in place with tiny French knots of white. A pretty
one of thin Swiss muslin can be designed simply
with a hem and tiny tucks.**Send Only
25 Cents.****This
Rich
\$4.00
Pattern
Hat Only
\$1.95**Send 25 cents and we will ship to your nearest
express office, express paid, this rich velvet hat.
Exactly like above cut. Made of materials especially
imported by us. The hat is Hand Made of the very
finest of imported velvet laid in graceful folds,
the rim being covered with fine Tucks. Between
the crown and rim is a draping of pure silk tulle,
carried around and forming a hanging trimming at
the back. A very handsome imported Black
Hackle Braid held in place by an imported cast
steel buckle forms the side trimming. The side
bandeau is finished off with a knot of Pure Silk
Taffeta. The above cut is an exact copy of the hat
and shows one of the very newest ideas modeled
after a Paris pattern hat. You can order it in
Black, Brown, Gray, Tan, Red, Blue or New Green.
If you find no hat equal to or better than the one you
buy of your home milliner at from \$4.00 to \$5.00, pay
the express agent \$1.95 and wear the most dressy hat
for all occasions shown this season.
Send 5 cents in stamps for the finest illustrated
Millinery Art Catalogue ever issued. It tells
how you can buy and wear the very newest Paris
styles for less than half what you would ordinarily pay.
We want an agent in every town. Milliners
write for our special terms.**TODD, SMITH & CO.,**
23-25-27 Madison St., Chicago, Ill.**FREE GOLD WATCH**This watch has American movement fully war-
ranted to keep correct time. The case is Solid
Gold Plated, equal in appearance to a Gold
filled Watch, warranted 20 years. We give it
FREE to Boys and Girls or anyone for selling
20 pieces of our handsome jewelry at 10c each.
Send your address and we will send the jew-
elry postpaid, when sold send us the \$1 and we
will positively send you the watch and chain.
ERIE MFG. CO., Dept. 33, Chicago**EIGHT DOLLARS**AND 95 CENTS BONUS
THIS NEW GRADE, HIGH
ARM, 30-YEAR GUARAN-
TEED FIVE-DRAWER, SOLID
WOODEN SEWING MACHINE.
POLISHED, ANTIQUE OAK, DROP HEAD CABINET SEWING MACHINE, the
equal of sewing machines that cost twice the money elsewhere.
\$10.45 for the beautiful mar-
ble top Five-Drawer, Drop
Head Cabinet Celebrated
NEW QUEEN SEWING MACHINE
for the Standard Full Bearing
BURBICK SEWING MACHINE.
The equal of regular \$50.00 and \$60.00 "Gents" machines.
These and many other high grade machines, beautifully
illustrated and fully described, (the parts, mechanism and special features) in our big,
new, FREE SEWING MACHINE CATALOGUE. You Must Write For It.
WE CAN SURELY SAVE YOU \$10.00 TO \$20.00 ON ANY KIND OF A MACHINE.
THREE MONTHS' FREE TRIAL Sewing Machine Catalogue, the most
wonderful price offerings ever made, on liberal terms, pay after received offer and
return. **SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., CHICAGO, ILL.**

Jeth's Crowd

Veracious Records of the Doin's in the Cobb's Corner Postoffice, "Writ out" by the Boy Behind the Counter.

Copyright, 1902, by W. H. Gannett, Publisher.



The Postmaster looked up from his newspaper and pulled his specs to the tip end of his nose. "Temp'rance seems to be gittin' into the fall campaign in great shape this year," said he.

"It's the same old dabble-dingle of the feather-foot politicians," declared Ches. Stutivant, clearing his throat with a self-sufficient "Blor-hoo-o-o!"

"Don't think they mean what they are sayin', hey?"

"When a man goes to talkin' temp'rance I commence to inquire if he hain't a candidate for office. 'Tain't no way to stop drinkin'—this politician way of doin' it hain't."

"The only way to stop drinkin' that I knows of jest at the present time," broke in Perk Woodrow, "will be to turn Mis' Welthy Runnells of our neighborhood loose on 'em. She's our great, practical, git-up-and-git-there temperance reformer jest at the present writin'."

"Hain't heered," said the Postmaster.

"Wal, she's jest gittin' well loosened up in her gait," said Perk. "Her first crack has dropped kind of flat but she's up with second wind."

Then Perk went on to relate the recent sensational doings in the Twin Tree district. It was this way:

Miss Welthy Ann Runnells, spinster, lives down there. At first she perked her nose and flouted the efforts of Carrie Nation of Kansas. But when she saw the masher's work commended in her monthly denominational paper, "The Home Treasury and Intelligencer," Miss Welthy changed her mind. She always allows the Treasury to make up her mind on all matters mundane.

"I reckon I have wronged a good and true woman in my thoughts," meditated Welthy Ann as she wrinkled her brows against the heat and took her bi-weekly tin of cream o' tartar biscuit from the oven. "I s'pose I really ought to do suthin' to show her that I am in sympathy with her movement. I might send her a new hatchet, perhaps!"

But, re-perusing the Intelligencer that afternoon, Miss Runnells noted that enthusiastic sympathizers in various parts of the United States had already sent the Kansas "hatcheter" several tons of the weapons. Miss Runnells tried to think of other ways of assisting but from all she could gather the woman out west seemed to be entirely capable of going it alone. But Welthy Ann's favorite apothegm is: "A way is always opened."

That afternoon Mrs. Ez. Rabb dropped in at the back door with her apron over her head. In the course of conversation the caller said:

"They do tell me that it's a sight, the way old Hussey is runnin' that store of his lately. Them as know talk it right out and say that he is peddlin' out old cider to nigh about whos'ever wants it. I heard that he sold some to Mel Briggses' boys and they went home pritty well set up. An' I heard that Mis' Tet. Spooner had to go down an' jest beg old Hussey not to sell any more cider to her husband. You could hear her all over the neighborhood talkin' to the old fool for you know he is so dratted deaf that he couldn't hear Gab'el's trumpet ten feet away. If he sold hard cider to kin o' mine I'd go in an' chop him the way that woman out in Kansas somewheres has been doin' to them rummies. I'd learn him!"

Now that gave Welthy Ann Runnells an idea. She thought the matter over after her caller "had traipsed back home." Said she to herself:

"I'm jest a lone old maid with no kin nigher'n second cousins an' if I should git my eternal head cuffed off it would only be my own lookout. An' further'n that, I hain't afraid of any old deaf Hussey that ever poured Janawary molasses through a tunnel. An' if the Dickdale Banner of Freedom has a piece about how I smashed Hussey's place, I saw, I'll mark the paper and send it out west to that Nation woman to show her that her sisters in the east are holdin' up her hands while the battle goes on."

A red spot flickered dimly on either of Miss Welthy's faded cheeks as she thought on the matter. Then she put her strictly Gothic bonnet on her severely Gothic head and arose in her Gothic angularity and took the hatchet with which she had self-reliantly chopped kindlings for many a year.

Hussey's store was the village emporium. Miss Runnells had always done her trading there and was on the best terms with the old man who owned it.

"I must start right in on him, pitch hot," said Miss Welthy to herself "for if I git to talkin' with him I shall be sociable the first thing I know. He's allus took my eggs and paid a good price for 'em and—well, I jest musn't git to soft'nin', that's all. I have got my bounden duty to perform."

She was humming under her breath rather harshly when she entered the store. "Dare to be a Dan'yel, dare to stand alone!" The usual crowd of old codgers was sitting back of the stove, tunking their canes upon the floor and holding endless discussions over nothing. Hussey was weighing two pounds of tenpenny nails and had his eyes down close to the scale beam while he gingerly nicked the weight along the notches.

Miss Welthy advanced to the counter. "Mister Hussey," she said as bravely as she could.

The old man was so absorbed in finding the right nick that he did not notice her presence. Besides, he was very deaf.

"Mister Hussey!" she called more sharply. Miss Runnells was ordinarily very mild but now her tartness aroused the interest of the contingent back of the stove.



"Reckin' Ike must have giv' her some squiggly cheese," suggested one of the old men humorously.

When she had called his name a third time Hussey slowly straightened up, holding to his back.

"Them blame old eyes of mine are gittin' duller'n a bush scythe in swale grass," he said. "Afternoon, Miss Welthy," he added with cheery greeting. "I'll tend to ye jest as soon as I git these nails done up."

Miss Runnells poked her chin forward belligerently. "Ye'll tend to me right now," she snapped. Then she pulled her hatchet from under her shawl. "I've come as an avenger," she cried.

"Hay?" queried Uncle Hussey with his hand hollowed at his ear.

"This hatchet is an avenger."

"Hatchet to lend yer? Why, I don't want to borrow no hatchet, Miss Welthy."

Spinster Runnells took full breath and shouted, "I'm goin' to hatchet your place."

"Hay?"

"I'm goin' to hatchet—"

Uncle Hussey looked at the weapon critically. "Match it?" he repeated; "no, I'm 'fraid I can't, Miss Welthy. I'm gittin' low on hatchets."

"Where is that mis'able cider barrel?" screamed Miss Runnells. She was white and her voice was trembling.

"Hay?" cried Uncle Hussey, noticing her emotion now and expressing great bewilderment in the bland features above his frosty whisker fringe.

"Where is that tank of Satan—that cider barrel, that—"

The spinster was now so excited that her voice nearly failed her and the old man could not understand. She licked her dry lips with her tongue and tried again. She grasped the store keeper by the lapel of his jumper and drew him toward her across the counter.

"Where is that cider barrel?"

"Tried to quarrel? Why, Miss Welthy, ye know I've never had no trouble with ye in all my life, an' I don't want to have, neither."

"I hain't talkin' about no quarrel. I want to know where that hellbroth is, that—"

Uncle Hussey's jaw dropped and he gaped forward in his effort to understand. His brows were wrinkled in perplexity. He stared around the store and gazed on the astonished old men behind the stove as if seeking aid from them. One of them came doddling up with his cane.

"What is Miss Runnells sayin' off?" Uncle Hussey asked in the stuffy tones of the deaf.

"I can't git head nor tail of it."

The old man got close up to the store keeper and bellowed in his ear. "Miss Runnells wants to know where the cider barrel—CIDER barrel is. Reckin' she wants to buy some cider—some CIDER."

"Ah-h! Ow-w-w!" cried Uncle Hussey with light beaming over his countenance. "Cider—cider? Yes, I've got some cider, such as it is. But it harder'n tunket, Miss Welthy, an' I really don't believe ye'd want it. I did hav' some reel good sweet cider a while ago but the air got into it an' spoiled it."

"Show me that cider," demanded the spinster, gripping her hatchet.

Uncle Hussey looked blankly at the other man. "What she say, Jeff?" he asked.

Jeff took in a big breath. "She's bound to hav' some of it," he roared. But he added in lower tones, turning to Miss Runnells. "But land, mum, it'll lay ye out stiffer'n a poker. 'Tain't fit for wimmen to drink."

"I didn't s'pose ye was in any ways took to'ards hard cider," said Uncle Hussey reproachfully. "But if ye're really set on havin' some I'll 'commodate ye."

"I don't want to drink it," Miss Welthy screamed.

"That's right—I never did think it of ye," assented Uncle Hussey pityingly. "But wimmen folks is queer critters. P'raps Doc Adams ordered it for ye?" he suggested. Miss Runnells made no answer. Her breath was exhausted and most of her courage, too. The store keeper lighted a stubby and malodorous candle and started for the cellar stairs. Miss Welthy followed at his heels. He protested that there was no occasion for her coming along. She insisted greatly to the astonishment of Uncle Hussey and the old codgers who as yet had not the least idea as to what it all meant. So Uncle Hussey tottered on ahead and Miss Runnells followed, gathering her skirts around her Gothic form and braving the dangers of the shaking and gloomy stairway.

"These old maids is consarned suspicious critters," philosophized one of the old men.

CATALOGUE No. 71
the LINK
that makes
Both Ends Meet
Is Now Ready

Makes Both Ends Meet

Our new catalogue No. 71 is now ready and should be in every household where honest goods at low prices are desired. It is the link that makes both ends meet. Contains 1096 pages, 70,000 illustrations and 17,000 quotations.

We send it all charges paid upon receipt of 15 cents. Thousands of requests now being received daily. Write AT ONCE.

Montgomery Ward & Co.

CHICAGO

CATALOGUE No. 71
the LINK that
Makes Both
Ends Meet
Is Now Ready

"Seems to be bound that she don't git kairose in the instid o' hard cider." But breaking on the laugh that greeted this sally came strange and disquieting noises from down cellar. Tunk! tunk! tunk! there sounded a hollow beating of the hatchet on a cask. Over all swelled the protesting tones of Uncle Hussey.

"Hi there—hay there, Miss Welthy, what the nation ye doin' to my cider barrel?"

Tunk! tunkity, tunk! went on the spasmodic chopping.

"Ding swat ye, Miss Welthy, ye're poundin' the head of it right in."

Then there was the sound of a spilt and swoosh and the despairing wall of the store keeper. "Ye've done it! Ye've done it an' didn't I say ye would?"

The next moment Miss Welthy Ann Runnells came bouncing up the dark stairs. With her nose high in the air, holding the dripping hatchet in her trembling hand, her cheeks flaming, she marched past the astonished old loafers who looked after her with gaping mouths. Behind her puffed and spluttered Uncle Hussey. He waited back in the gloom of the stairway, the flaring candle casting its yellow light against his goggling eyes, framed in their steel bowed spectacles.

"Has she gone?" he gasped huskily.

"Went streakin' it through here like the mill tail o' Tophet," ejaculated an old man.

"Do you boys hav' any idee what she has done?"

"Sounded like she was breakin' up haouse-keepin' down there."

"Wal, s'r, she took that 'ere hatchet o' heer'n an' she paounded in the head o' that 'ere cider barrel an' ev'ry blame drop of it has run out. Now don't it beat the nation what possessed her to do that?"

"I've hear'n tell," suggested one of the old men, "that all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"That all them Runnellses git loony 'long about her time o' life. Mis' Hl. Jephson, she that was a Runnells, took her own life some years ago."

"Didn't she say nothin' when she was a-doin' it?" asked one of the party.

"Wal, I asked her over an' over what she was a-tryin' to do an' she kep' sayin' suthin' that I couldn't ketch very well. I can't hear an' that 'ere hatchet was racketin' away all the while, contin'yal time. 'Twas suthin' about canceers or Kansas or can't sass me, or suthin' I dunno what. But land sakes, I hain't never sassed her in all my born days. An' she kep' a-sayin' that she didn't care a nation 'bout what she done—or suthin' like that. I sh'd sartin' say she's gone plum off'n her hooks."

The old men looked at one another. None of them had heard about the crusade in Kansas or of the redoubtable Carrie Nation, or if they ever had known of the affair it had been forgotten in the more engrossing local topics of Dickvale.

"Reckin' Welthy better be taken care of 'fore she kills some of the neighbors," said Jeff Denslow at last. "I'll speak to the s'lee'man about it when I go 'long home. I s'wore it's too bad, for she's allus been a dretful good hand in sickness—dretful neighborly."

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

And thus flat fell the temperance crusade in the "Twin Tree" district at Cobb's Corner.

"What can ye expect of an old maid with only a cat and few feather-legged Brahmas hens," growled Uncle Hussey, opening his ledger. Then he charged "one cider barrel" to the estate of Welthy Ann Runnells, for he already reckoned her as good as in the insane asylum.

Ladies Cure Tobacco Habit

Secretly at Home—Trial Package Free to All Who Send Name and Address.

Men who have tried time and again to quit tobacco have been instantly cured of the habit by a harmless compound discovered by a famous Ohio chemist. It stops at once and forever the craving

for the weed and makes it impossible for any man to chew or smoke. The marvelous part of the remedy is that it is odorless and tasteless. It is taken in milk, water, tea, coffee or food without any bad effects and many women have already cured their husbands and sons of the tobacco habit without the slightest danger of detection. It is easy to quit tobacco and if you will write Rogers Drug and Chemical Co., 3462 Fifth and Race Sts., Cincinnati, Ohio, they will send a large trial package free, in a plain, sealed wrapper, and it will prove how easy it is to cure yourself or anyone else of using tobacco in any form.



No More Smoke or Dirty Spittoons in the Home.

for the weed and makes it impossible for any man to chew or smoke. The marvelous part of the remedy is that it is odorless and tasteless. It is taken in milk, water, tea, coffee or food without any bad effects and many women have already cured their husbands and sons of the tobacco habit without the slightest danger of detection. It is easy to quit tobacco and if you will write Rogers Drug and Chemical Co., 3462 Fifth and Race Sts., Cincinnati, Ohio, they will send a large trial package free, in a plain, sealed wrapper, and it will prove how easy it is to cure yourself or anyone else of using tobacco in any form.

for the weed and makes it impossible for any man to chew or smoke. The marvelous part of the remedy is that it is odorless and tasteless. It is taken in milk, water, tea, coffee or food without any bad effects and many women have already cured their husbands and sons of the tobacco habit without the slightest danger of detection. It is easy to quit tobacco and if you will write Rogers Drug and Chemical Co., 3462 Fifth and Race Sts., Cincinnati, Ohio, they will send a large trial package free, in a plain, sealed wrapper, and it will prove how easy it is to cure yourself or anyone else of using tobacco in any form.

for the weed and makes it impossible for any man to chew or smoke. The marvelous part of the remedy is that it is odorless and tasteless. It is taken in milk, water, tea, coffee or food without any bad effects and many women have already cured their husbands and sons of the tobacco habit without the slightest danger of detection. It is easy to quit tobacco and if you will write Rogers Drug and Chemical Co., 3462 Fifth and Race Sts., Cincinnati, Ohio, they will send a large trial package free, in a plain, sealed wrapper, and it will prove how easy it is to cure yourself or anyone else of using tobacco in any form.

for the weed and makes it impossible for any man to chew or smoke. The marvelous part of the remedy is that it is odorless and tasteless. It is taken in milk, water, tea, coffee or food without any bad effects and many women have already cured their husbands and sons of the tobacco habit without the slightest danger of detection. It is easy to quit tobacco and if you will write Rogers Drug and Chemical Co., 3462 Fifth and Race Sts., Cincinnati, Ohio, they will send a large trial package free, in a plain, sealed wrapper, and it will prove how easy it is to cure yourself or anyone else of using tobacco in any form.

for the weed and makes it impossible for any man to chew or smoke. The marvelous part of the remedy is that it is odorless and tasteless. It is taken in milk, water, tea, coffee or food without any bad effects and many women have already cured their husbands and sons of the tobacco habit without the slightest danger of detection. It is easy to quit tobacco and if you will write Rogers Drug and Chemical Co., 3462 Fifth and Race Sts., Cincinnati, Ohio, they will send a large trial package free, in a plain, sealed wrapper, and it will prove how easy it is to cure yourself or anyone else of using tobacco in any form.

for the weed and makes it impossible for any man to chew or smoke. The marvelous part of the remedy is that it is odorless and tasteless. It is taken in milk, water, tea, coffee or food without any bad effects and many women have already cured their husbands and sons of the tobacco habit without the slightest danger of detection. It is easy to quit tobacco and if you will write Rogers Drug and Chemical Co., 3462 Fifth and Race Sts., Cincinnati, Ohio, they will send a large trial package free, in a plain, sealed wrapper, and it will prove how easy it is to cure yourself or anyone else of using tobacco in any form.

LORD'S PRAYER

Handle Ring. Smallest Ever Coined.
Or any Initial engraved Free. Rolled Gold. Warranted 3 years.
10c for either or the for both.

Send Size.
Vokes Mfg. Co., 50 Western Ave., COVINGTON, KY.

Sweethearts Long Ago.

BY J. GAYLE NELSON.

1. I oft - en think of days gone by, Of hap - py
2. How strange it seems, in all life's dreams, That we must
3. Per - haps at last, some time, some where, We'll meet in

Andante.

hours long passed a - way, Fond hopes of youth, sweet tho'ts of yore, Old friends who still in mem - ry stay. To one I loved my tho'ts are
take the bit - ter sweet. A - las! I, too, must take my share, And man - y dis - ap - pointments meet. She was too good for earth - ly
that far bet - ter land. Yes, meet a - gain, to part no more, And walk on Heav - en's gold - en strand. I'm look - ing for - ward to our

turn - ing, My pre - cious one, my prom - ised bride. For that dear one my heart is yearn - ing, Oh, would that she were by my side.
bow - ers, Too pure and sweet for such as I. And now this fair est of all flow - ers A - dorns the Pal - ace of the sky.
meet - ing In Par - a - dise, so pure and fair. I'm long - ing to re - ceive her greet - ing, And we'll be sweet - hearts o - ver there.

CHORUS. Waltz tempo.

Sweet - hearts to - geth - er, Sweet - hearts fond and true; Sweet - hearts lov - ing, trust - ing, as all sweet - hearts do,

I loved her dear - ly, oft I told her so, She and I to - geth - er, were sweethearts long a - go.

Copyright, 1901, by R. A. SAALFIELD. English copyright secured. Published by Richard A. Saalfield, 1123 Broadway, New York City, who will mail catalogue, free of charge, on receipt of name and address of any of our subscribers.

FARM PAPER FREE Send ten cts. to pay cost of mailing, and we will send the **Valley Farmer** on trial a whole year free. Regular price 50c. Filled with western stories. **VALLEY FARMER**, 89 Washington St., Chicago.

FREE DINNER SET 15 pieces. Given to ladies for selling 10 pound cans Queen Baking Powder, giving a Glass Water Set free to each purchaser of a can. Also many other premiums. **WE PAY FREIGHT.** Write for our plans. **AMERICAN SUPPLY CO.**, Dept. 57, 806-S N. Main St., St. Louis, Mo.

Lucky Shoe PIN FREE Latest Novelty. Brings Luck. Exact reproduction of a well worn shoe. Heavily plated. Our mammoth Catalogue of Jewelry and Novelties sent. **CURTIN JEWELRY CO. FREE** 143 Park Street, ATTLEBORO, MASS.

\$27.45 For this Organ Pay After Received Offer! One Year's Free Trial! 25-Years' Binding Guarantee! All explained in our **FREE Music Catalogue** We sell pianos from \$89.00 to \$165.00, the equal of instruments sold by dealers and agents at **DOUBLE** our prices. High Grade Violins, Guitars and Mandolins at \$2.45 and upwards. For our beautiful illustrated, **BIG COMPLETE MUSIC CATALOGUE**, lowest prices, free trial and pay after received offer, cut this ad. out and mail to **Sears, Roebuck & Co., CHICAGO, ILL.**

Blackfish Oil.



HE most expensive oil used for lubricating purposes is worth \$60 a gallon. It comes from the blackfish and the porpoise and its high price is due to the fact that only a very small quantity can be taken from each fish. It is known as "head oil" and is taken from the under jaw and the peculiar fatty growth on the rostrum of the skull just back of the blow hole. The oil is used almost exclusively for lubricating watches, and it owes its peculiar value to the fact that it never is affected in the slightest by changes in temperature. It is also very lasting in quality, one application in five years being enough to keep a watch running smoothly. Of late years the blackfish and porpoise have become quite scarce, so much so that their oil has trebled in value. After rendering the oil in its crude state the buyer tests it in various ways in order to be sure of the quality and to eliminate any objectionable ingredient that it may contain. It is then placed in bottles and bleached, a process requiring some skill and knowledge of the properties of the oil. It then finds a ready market among watch manufacturers.

AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT.

It is interesting to note the immense development of the Cash Buyers' Union whose advertising appears in these columns year in and year out. The Cash Buyers' Union has made a specialty of selling high grade sewing machines, direct from its factory at less than half the price at which similar standard machines are sold under the old plan. Women who sew will be interested in the proposition they offer, and should write for their illustrated, free catalogue, containing all styles of machines, attachments and samples of work.

How the Blind Read.

A SPECIAL KIND OF TYPE IS REQUIRED FOR THE BLIND

IN the Perkins Institute for the Blind in South Boston, there is operated a printing office for making books for the blind. Instead of using ordinary type with ink the characters used are embossed, and the blind person is able after a little practice to read what is written rapidly and accurately. Two methods are used in the printing of books here. In one the type used that resembles ordinary type and characters are produced in relief resembling ordinary printed letters. By the other system dots are embossed upon the paper in different combinations and positions to represent different letters. This last way is known as the Braille system and is the invention of a Frenchman. The work not only in this institution but in others over the country is being rapidly developed so that some relief from absolute dependence on others in reading and studying seems to be promised those afflicted with blindness.



A BARGAIN

Cut This Out and send it to us with your name, post office and express office address, and we will send to you by express for examination the handomest 14 karat gold plated watch ever offered for sale at any price. Hunting case, Solid Gold Pattern, stem wind & set, ruby jeweled, perfect timekeeper. Examine it at your express office and if as represented pay express agent our bargain price \$2.98 and express charges and it is yours. A guarantee for 20 years and catalogue free with every watch. Mention size wanted Ladies of Gents. **R. E. CHALMERS & CO.** 552-556 Dearborn St. CHICAGO. Please mention COMFORT when you write.

Her Sight Restored

Mrs. E. A. Warren, 806 Michigan Ave., Evanston, Ill., was almost blind for many years with Cataracts on both eyes. Dr. Oren Oneal, Chicago's gifted oculist, restored her sight with his **DISSOLVENT METHOD** without the Knife. **YOU CAN BE CURED AT HOME.** All Causes of Blindness yield to this treatment. Dr. Oneal has cured thousands and never injured an eye. His illustrated book, many testimonials and advice are free. **Cross-Eyes Straightened**—a new method—without Knife or Pain. Effectual in over 7,000 cases. Address **Oren Oneal, M. D., Suite 181 52 Dearborn St., Chicago.**



A RING FREE

Absolutely free, for selling one box of **Red Cross Pepsin Gum**, 20 5-cent packages, amounting to \$1.

NO MONEY REQUIRED

Send your name and address at once, and on receipt of same we will send you one box of **Red Cross Pepsin Gum**, express charges prepaid. You can sell it in an hour among your friends and neighbors, and send the proceeds (\$1.00) to us upon receipt of which we will forward the ring you select, charges paid. Could anything be easier? You don't invest a cent and have no trouble in selling the gum. We also give Watches and other presents for selling larger quantities. List sent with gum. Send TODAY—don't wait until they are all gone.

RED CROSS GUM CO., 813F Schiller Bldg., CHICAGO

The Home Finder.

Notice. Many of those applying for information to this column ask us to advertise their property for them by calling the attention of home seekers to their possessions. We cannot do this except at the usual advertising rates. We can only refer seekers to persons in authority who will furnish information in detail for the benefit of their respective states and neighborhoods.

Hazel Eyes, Madhattan, Kans.—Tampa is a city of about sixteen thousand people on the west coast of Florida, and is one of the best towns in the state. We can not give you prices of real estate. If you will write to G. D. Ackerly, G. P. A., J. T. & K. W. Railway, Jacksonville, Fla., asking for such information as you require he will give it to you. Make your questions definite so he will know what you want to know and can tell you. Also write to Editor *The Courier-Intendant*, Bartow, Fla., for copies of his paper, telling him what you want to know. Bartow is in the country back of Tampa and it is rich in an agricultural way.

L. A. Moore, Philomath, Ore.—What *Comfort's* correspondent said of Western Oregon applied especially to the coast country. We are glad to correct any false impression that may have resulted, and take pleasure in making your announcement that grain and fruit in your section of the state, especially fruit, are good producers and that fine crops of prunes are raised every year. We know of the beautiful apples that come from Oregon and are pleased to know they grow about Philomath. We give your address in full so that if any one who reads *Comfort* wishes to write to you he can do so, and we heartily recommend Oregon to all home seekers because we believe it is one of the choice states of this Union.

Dr. M. O. Perkins, Beaumont, Texas, writes for the benefit of "E. L." Esterell, Mo., who inquired in *Comfort* about poultry raising in Texas, that land can be bought reasonably in the neighborhood of that town to make market gardening and poultry raising pay big. Dr. Perkins has no land to sell, and he has been living in Texas for twenty-two years, having come there from Ohio, and he is well informed and is disinterested. "E. L." or any other inquirer writing to him will have full attention of the right kind and no charges. To the same correspondent, J. E. Morris, Alice, Texas, writes to say that he has plenty of good land and wants an experienced party to go in with him to raise poultry. "E. L." is thus given two opportunities to try his hand in Texas.

Mrs. M. S. Owosso, Mich.—Petoskey might do for asthmatic patients, your home physician would know more about that than we know. Board can be had there at this season at from five dollars a week up, we should say. We think, however, that as you live in Michigan, a better climate, giving you greater change, would be to try the warm, dry climate of Arizona or New Mexico, or the high country of Colorado. Town or country property may be had reasonably in either section, and if you will write to Editor *Rocky Mountain News*, Denver, asking about that country, or to S. E. Morse, G. P. A., Southern Pacific, Houston, Texas, asking about New Mexico and Arizona you will no doubt get ample information.

I. M. J., Ottawa, Kans.—Such land as you ask about in S. Dakota and Minnesota is either grazing or wheat land, either of which call for more money than the amount you say you have. There is no timber to amount to anything. Not that it has been cleared off, but that it never grew there. The winters are long and not mild, and school and college privileges are not abundant outside of the towns. We would not advise your going from Kansas there, though you might go and be very well satisfied. That is something which can only be known by experience. Certainly don't go there to stay until you have made a visit to the sections you have in mind and seen what they look like. For more definite information write to Hon. J. H. Block, State Treasurer, St. Paul, Minn., and to Hon. David Eastman, Commissioner of Public Lands, Pierre, S. D., asking for such information as you desire.

Miss Hattie H., Caldwell, N. Y.—Write to Mr. Dan O'Connell, Station Agent, Barrytown, N. Y., and to J. H. Shaw, Fairfax, Va., for information concerning violet farms. We have two letters for you, but cannot forward as your full name was not given.

Don Carlos, Independence, Iowa.—Unless you have money and can talk Spanish we would not advise you to go to Mexico to go into farming or ranching. You can do much better in the United States unless you have unlimited capital. If you want to try farming on other than your native soil you had better go to Cuba. We do not recommend it to you, but there is a better chance there for a man with \$3,000 to \$5,000 than there is in Mexico.

Grover, Milwaukee, Wis.—You would probably do well in any thriving southern town if you will open a grocery store and run it with northern energy and plenty of advertising in the local newspapers. As a rule the retail grocer in southern towns is disposed to be rather careless and to wait for business rather than to hustle after it. You should go pretty well south where the northern influence is not felt, as it is in those states on the border. We do not know your politics, but whatever they are keep them in the background. You are not going south to become a statesman, but to make money as a strictly business man. Make a trip through the section that you think you would like best, and learn about it from actual observation.

Mrs. D. McD., Toledo, Ohio.—We would advise against your coming to New York City to open a boarding house. Rents are extravagantly high, houses of 14 to 16 rooms, two miles from the shopping district, bringing from \$1,000 to \$3,500 a year, and all provisions and serving hire costing heavily. It is not always quite so hard as it is just now, but New York is a very expensive place and unless you are fortunate in getting an established business, or in having capital sufficient to enable you to open a house that will command the highest class of boarders you will be pretty sure to lose everything you put into it.

N. K. M., Merton, Wis.—You could not find a more beautiful country to live in than you will have about the valleys of Maryland, and as your ancestors come from that section it should prove a very acceptable home for your declining years. But you need not expect to make money on a Maryland farm conducted on the ordinary plan. The land there is not very productive, and you can buy it in good locations from \$40 an acre up, depending upon the improvements. This is from forty to seventy-five miles from Baltimore or Washington. About Hagerstown and Frederick are probably the best localities, as these are good towns, and the scenery is fine.

John M. Hinton, W. Va.—We believe there is a boom in real estate just now in Elizabeth City, N. C. The town has a population of about ten thousand, and nearly half of which is colored. The country round about is low and more or less swampy, but the soil is rich, and it is a great "truck" raising section. Corn and cotton are the staples outside of the truck patch. Farm land may be had from \$10 an acre up, the cheaper qualities needing fencing and draining. The timber on much of this land is good, and in some instances will pay for it. A man with plenty of hustle and proof against malaria will do well there.

F. B. A. R., Conneautville, Pa.—See answer above on Mexico. If, however, you have anything in view of some particular locality, and have special knowledge that you can avail yourself of, what we have said may not apply to you. For particulars about Tabasco and Chiapas write to the General Passenger Agent, Mexican Central Railway, Mexico.

We train people for positions. Write us. International Correspondence Schools, Box 1190, Scranton, Pa. Steady Work, Good Pay, Big Life, Growth. Agt. terms free. Herber Agency Co., Box 454, Station L, New York.

MARRY 10,000 are very anxious to **MARRY** **STANDARD** **QDR. CLUB**, Sta. K, Chicago, Ill.

What Goes Up

MUST COME DOWN.

Nothing is more certain than that the use of so called tonics, stimulants and medicines, which depend upon alcohol for their effect, is injurious to health in the long run.

What goes up must come down and the elevation of spirits, the temporary exhilaration resulting from a dose of medicine containing alcohol, will certainly be followed in a few hours by a corresponding depression to relieve which another dose must be taken.

In other words, many liquid patent medicines derive their effect entirely from the alcohol they contain.

Alcohol, and medicines containing it, are temporary stimulants and not in any sense a true tonic. In fact it is doubtful if any medicines or drug is a real tonic.

A true tonic is something which will renew, replenish, build up the exhausted nervous system and wasted tissues of the body, something that will enrich the blood and endow it with the proper proportions of red and white corpuscles which prevent or destroy disease germs. This is what a real tonic should do and no drug or alcoholic stimulant will do it.

The only true tonic in nature is wholesome food, thoroughly digested. Every particle of nervous energy, every minute muscle, fibre and drop of blood is created daily from the food we digest.

The mere eating of food has little to do with the repair of waste tissue but the perfect digestion of the food eaten has everything to do with it.

The reason so few people have perfect digestion is because from wrong habits of living the stomach has gradually lost the power to secrete the gastric juice, peptones and acids in sufficient quantity.

To cure indigestion and stomach troubles it is necessary to take after meals some harmless preparation which will supply the natural peptone and diastase which every weak stomach lacks, and probably the best preparation of this character is Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets which may be found in every drug store and which contain in pleasant palatable form the wholesome peptone and diastase which nature requires for prompt digestion.

One or two of these excellent tablets taken after meals will prevent souring, fermentation and acidity and insure complete digestion and assimilation.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are equally valuable for little children as for adults, as they contain nothing harmful or stimulating but only the natural digestives.

One of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest 1,800 grains of meat, eggs or other wholesome food, and they are in every sense a genuine tonic because they bring about in the only natural way a restoration of nerve power, a building up of lost tissue and appetite, in the only way it can be done by the digestion and assimilation of wholesome food.

City, Mex. Write also to Gen. Pass. Ag't, M. K. & T. R. St. Louis, Mo., asking for information concerning what you want to know of Mexico.

Cash for REAL ESTATE

We will turn your farm, business or city property into cash at once no matter where it is. Money sent to your own bank. Send cash price and two stamps for necessary papers. Do not delay. **WINSTON REALTY & INV. CO.,** Sta. E, South Bend, Ind.

NO SPAVINS

The worst possible spavin can be cured in 45 minutes. Ringbones, Carps and Splints just as quick. Not painful and never has failed. Detailed information about this new method sent free to horse owners. Write today. Ask for pamphlet No. 68. **Fleming Bros., Chemists, Union Stock Yds., Chicago.**

\$3.98 buys our BREECH LOADING, AUTOMATIC SHELL EJECTING SHOTGUN, THE LONG RANGE WINNER, one of the strongest shooting and best made 12-gauge shotguns made equal to guns others sell at \$7.00 to \$10.00.



\$14.95 buys our HAMMERLESS DOUBLE BARREL BAR LOCK PISTOL SHOTGUN, the genuine COLYON, equal to guns others sell at \$25.00 to \$30.00. For wonderful prices on all kinds of guns, complete catalogue and our liberal terms offer, cut this ad. out and mail to **SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., Chicago, Ill.**

HANDSOME WATCH FREE



A Solid Gold Ladies' or Gents' watch costs from \$25 to \$50. Don't throw your money away.

If you want a watch that will equal for time any Solid Gold Watch made, send us your name & address at once & agree to sell only 8 boxes of our famous Vegetable Pills at 25 cts. a box. It's the greatest remedy on earth for Constipation, Indigestion & all stomach disorders & they sell like hot cakes. Don't miss the chance of your life. Send us your order & we will send the 8 boxes by mail. When sold you send us the money & we will send you the WATCH with

A GUARANTEE FOR 20 YEARS

the same day money is received. There is no humbuggery about this. We are giving away these watches to quickly introduce our Remedy—and all we ask is that when you receive the watch you will show it to your friends. Hundreds have received watches from us & are more than delighted with them. This is a glorious opportunity to get a fine watch without paying a cent for it & you should write at once. Address

AMERICAN MEDICINE CO., Dept. 6A, 47 Warren St., New York City.

Comfort's Home Lawyer.

Mrs. R. L. G.—According to the facts stated in your letter your father sold the property mentioned therein as far back as 1882. Since that time you have taken no steps to recover such rights, if any, as you may have had therein. As a rule, uninterrupted and peaceable possession of property for so long a time is of itself evidence of ownership and will cure all technical defects in the title. I am of the opinion that you have waited too long and have thereby lost such rights as possibly you may have had.

H. E. K.—It is the duty of every citizen or resident of a place to conduct himself or herself in a quiet and orderly manner and in such way as not to trespass on the rights of others. Any undue noise or disturbance in the public highway may be considered as an infraction of the peace and quiet of the community and may be punished accordingly. The punishment rests largely in the discretion of the magistrate before whom the offender is brought.

W. M. A.—A minor has no standing in law and any contract, as a rule, which he may make is void. This rule however is subject to many exceptions. Thus, a minor may make a valid contract for necessities of life etc. In case he contracts a bill for such items as are necessary for his subsistence, according to his station in life, his parent or guardian would be liable to pay them. Any note made payable to a minor, if based on a valid consideration, may be collected by his parent or guardian.

E. S.—If you will write to Hon. Thorvald Selberg, Register of Copyrights, Washington, D. C., he will mail you, without charge of any kind, a pamphlet fully describing the method of applying for a copyright. Do not send to the "Patent Office" as stated in your letter, but as here-in directed. You ask what is meant by "The Royalty System." In case you turn your production over to a publisher, who issues the same for you and pays you a percentage on the receipts received, you would be receiving a "royalty." This is the usual method pursued by authors of both music and literature.

No. 49.—The chances are that the land of which you speak has long since been sold and resold for taxes, and if so, the parties who bought it may have acquired a valid title by this time. The only way to make sure is to have the matter looked up from the records at the County seat where the property is located. If you will write to the editor of this column, giving a full description of the land and its exact location, he will be glad to investigate further for you.

J. A. X.—If your term of hiring is by the year, your employer will have to pay you at the end of the year, notwithstanding the fact that for two or three weeks you were unable to work on account of sickness. If however, you quit work of your own accord, he will not have to pay you anything as you agreed to work for a year. You had better carry out the terms and conditions of your contract.

Inquirer.—A marriage between first cousins is valid in many of the States of the Union; we cannot undertake to look up the statutes of every State in order to give a list of the states permitting such marriage, but if you will write us in what State you wish to get married, we will advise you as to whether a marriage between cousins is valid there. Send us a self-addressed stamped envelope and the information will be sent you by return mail.

C. D.—See answer to J. A. X. in this column.

J. R. M.—In case the party who signed your name without your consent should return to the State, you can certainly sue to it that he is prosecuted for forgery.

R. W. H.—Your landlord must abide by the terms of his contract. If he agreed to let you live in his house in consideration of your wife's teaching his daughter, you certainly need pay no rent. If however he insists on payment of rent and you pay it, your wife can recover a reasonable price for her music lessons.

G. F. C.—In the case you put, C. should certainly put the fence back in its proper position and put A's property in the same condition in which it was before he trespassed upon it.

K. L. B.—We know of no law that will permit another person to take water from your well without your permission and against your protest.

B. F. C.—If the party who made the contract with you refuses now to carry it out, you should take immediate steps to recover the property of which he took possession. Demand it back of him and if he refuses, you must bring an action at law to recover it.

M. E. D.—Any company that issues stock must be incorporated. It is not necessary that it be incorporated in the state where the property is located and where its principal office is. It may be incorporated under the laws of any other state. Many of the largest corporations in the country are incorporated under the laws of other states than where their principal place of business is located.

F. J. D.—No one has a right to use his property in such a way as to trespass on his neighbors legal rights. The ordinances of most towns provide the distance at which barns can be built from another's property. What the ordinances of your place provide, we have no means of ascertaining. Ask your town clerk. If the party who proposes to erect the barn is acting illegally, you can stop him from building by suing out an injunction to prevent him from progressing with the work.

Miss E. V. H.—According to the facts stated in your letter, you have no interest in the farm in question. The title to property can only be tied up for three generations. The deed made by your mother seems to have been valid and probably passed a good title to the purchaser.

Judith.—In order to take a note out of the statute of limitations—that is to keep it from outlasting—there must have been a bona-fide payment made on it. If the creditor indorses a payment on it, without the consent of the debtor and without consideration, such indorsement would be invalid and would not arrest the running of the statute.

Why Be Fat

When There is a New Home Treatment That Quickly Reduces

Weight to Normal Without Diet or Medicine and is Absolutely Safe.

A TRIAL PACKAGE FREE BY MAIL.

Don't be too fat; don't puff and blow; don't endanger your life with a lot of excess fat; and furthermore, don't ruin your stomach with a lot of



useless drugs and patent medicines. Send your name and address to Prof. F. J. Kellogg, 913 W. Main St., Battle Creek, Mich., and he will send you free a trial package of his remarkable treatment that will reduce your weight to normal. Do not be afraid of evil consequences, the treatment is perfectly safe, is natural and scientific and gives such a degree of comfort as to astonish those who have panted and perspired under the weight of excess fat. It takes off the big stomach, gives the heart freedom, enables the lungs to expand naturally and you will feel a hundred times better the first day you try this wonderful home treatment.

Send your name and address for a free trial package sent securely sealed in a plain wrapper, with full directions how to use it, books and testimonials from hundreds who have been cured.

Send for the free trial package to-day. It will brighten the rest of your life.

800 Second-Hand BICYCLES \$3 to \$8. Bargain list free. Dept. 177, Mead Cycle Co., Chicago.

CHICAGO HOUSEHOLD GUEST 50 cents a year. Sample copy free on application.

Work Big pay distributing samples, etc. Enclose stamp. Inter'l Dis. Bureau, 150 Nassau Street, New York.

\$300 Genuine Conf. money for \$1. \$100 for \$50.

NO CAPITAL. Box O, South Bend, Ind. Required to work for us. \$3.00 per day in spare hours at home. Either sex. No canvassing.

SOLAR CO., Providence, R. I.

FITS I wish every person in the U. S. suffering with FITS, EPILEPSY or FALLING SICKNESS to send for one of my large-sized 16-ounce bottles FREE. **DR. F. E. GRANT,** Dept. 34, Kansas City, Mo.

SELF-HYPNOTIC HEALING I

I have made a late discovery that enables all to induce the hypnotic sleep in themselves instantly, awaken at any desired time and thereby cure all known diseases and bad habits. Anyone can induce this sleep in themselves instantly at first trial, control their dreams, read the minds of friends and enemies, visit any part of the earth, solve hard questions and problems in this sleep and remember all when awake. This so-called Mental-Vision Lesson will be sent to anyone ABSOLUTELY FREE, actually enabling him to do the above without charge whatever.

Prof. R. E. Dutton, Dep. C, Lincoln, Neb., U. S. A.

This ELEGANT Watch \$3.75 Before you buy a watch cut this out and send to us with your name and address, and we will send you by express for examination a handsome WATCH and CHAIN C. O. D. \$3.75. Double hunting case beautifully engraved steel. Gold and steel set, fitted with richly jeweled movement and guaranteed correct timekeeper, with long Gold plated chain for Ladies or vest chain for Gents. If you consider it equal to any \$85.00 GOLD FILLED WATCH Warranted 20 YEARS by the express receipt \$3.75 and it is yours. Our 20-year guarantee sent with each watch. Mention "If you want Gents' or Ladies' steel." Address **H. FARNER & CO.,** D54, 22 Quincy St., CHICAGO.

Manners and Looks.

"Virtue itself offends, when coupled with forbidding manners."—Bishop Middleton.

Tommy's Girl, Newberg, Ore.—Ordinarily the gentleman gives the lady his left arm, although he may do as he pleases. The theory is that if he has his right arm free he can better protect her if necessary. (2) Pie should be eaten with a fork. We suppose if one puts milk on his pie, as some do, a spoon might be necessary. (3) We believe the "jig" is not danced except as an entertainment to those who want to see it. It is proper enough, and might be classed as a professional dance. At least we so understand the "jig," though it may have a different meaning in Oregon.

Kandahar, Mexico, Wis.—The very best recipe for a brown tan is to let it wear off. It is a good healthy sign, and your beauty will not suffer by letting it remain on awhile. Besides, at this season it is quite fashionable.

Rose, Kell, Ills.—A girl of fourteen should wear her dress about to her shoe-tops, or a little above if she is not a large girl. (2) It is not the custom in the best society for girls to wear boys' rings, or the reverse, but such things are frequently done. We do not recommend it. (3) In view of the fact that you might marry one of your brothers, we should say that you should not permit any more kissing than that which is necessary for your acquaintance, although the rule might be relaxed somewhat if you had grown up together from childhood as brother and sister. (4) Engaged couples only may kiss with entire propriety.

J. G. H., Orbisonia, Pa.—Certainly not. (2) The lady may write to the man at his request, if she wants to, but it is customary for the man to write first. (3) We think the lady should invite a caller to call again, but some very well bred people do not do so. It seems to be rather an unwelcome parting to have a guest go away without a word of wishing to see him again.

Perplexed One, Minneapolis, Minn.—We should think they could tell you in Minneapolis what was the proper costume for such an occasion. In our opinion you could very appropriately wear any of the white wool stuffs that are made for winter wear. We think white would be preferable to any color, but you would probably find it more expensive than the dark stuffs. Nun's veiling, albatross, cashmere and serge are the names of the white goods.

Lenore, Galesburg, Ills.—A red nose is something that you must talk to your doctor about. (2) Yes. (3) Five feet eight inches is unusually tall for a girl of fifteen, and 138 pounds is not too heavy for that height. You are not "fat" by fifty pounds at least.

Loretta, Newport, R. I.—Do not give the young man your picture unless you are very good friends and you have every confidence in him. (2) We believe it is customary in college towns for the girls to wear the boys' class pins. There cannot be any serious harm in it. (3) Sixteen-year-old girls should wear their dresses fully down to their shoe-tops, or even longer, depending somewhat upon the size of the girl and the height of the shoe top. We might make a better gauge by saying to the ankle bone.

Two Little Crackers, Mossy Head, Fla.—It is not a matter of good taste or bad for the young man to drive home from church at night at a very slow gait. It is a matter of sentiment. Most young people like it. If you do not, you should tell the young man to drive fast. (2) We should think the arrival of a young niece was a matter of congratulation from a young man to the young lady who was the aunt. Just what reply she should make is not down in the books. You must make one for yourself. (3) The rule is for the man not to walk between two ladies. However, if they want to take his arms, there is no other way. The rule may be made to suit the conditions. (4) We believe it is the custom of engaged couples of any and all kinds of society to kiss when they want to. (4) A kiss "under the mistletoe" might be excused as one of the extravagances of the holiday season. Still even this kind of kissing is frowned upon by proper people.

B. and D., Indianapolis, Ind.—Customs vary. In some places young men and women go boating at night; in some they do not, unless accompanied by a chaperone. If no one objects to your going alone with a young man, then you may go. (2) A girl of eighteen should wear to a wedding a very simple gown of white, unless she has come out in society, as some girls of 18 do. Then she may dress as elaborately as she can afford. (3) There is no rule but the lady's wish as to how often a gentleman should call on her. Her parents, however, are to be consulted.

Country Girl, Waterville, Kans.—Olives are eaten from the fingers, and bread is taken with the fingers. Never with a fork. (2) When a lady takes a man home with her, she opens the door and leads the way in, but he should shut the door, unless he has been there previously and knows what to do and where to go. (3) The gentleman's address is New York City.

Ellnor, St. Ilmo, Ills.—To prevent hair from falling out use the following tonic: Phenolic acid, two grains; tincture of yucca, seven and one-half grains; tincture of red cinchona, thirty grains; tincture of cantharides, two grains; cologne, one-hundred and eighty grains; sweet almond oil, sixty grains. Apply to the roots of the hair with a soft sponge once or twice a day.

Blair Sisters, Clyde, Ohio.—There is no more harm in dancing than there is in the usual games played at parties. (2) Blonde. (3) Damon and Pythias, Saul and Jonathan, Washington and Lafayette, Bertram and Bruce, Clyde and Cameron, Duncan and Douglass, Eric and Ethelbert, and many, many others would be good names for twin boys. (3) One plate of ice cream is the usual amount eaten by one lady at a party, but if she wanted more it would not be very improper for her to take it.

Inquisitive, Canandaigua, N. Y.—It is a little early yet to say what will be the prevailing color this winter. A new shade just showing itself is "burnt orange," a reddish yellow, which will have a run for a time no doubt, and then disappear. Green is yet popular, and blue promises to be much worn. (3) If you and the other young lady intend to quarrel about which one of you should write to the other first, possibly you had better not write at all. It is as much one's place as the other to write first.

Walter and Charley, Gallup, Ohio.—If the other girl's "gentleman friend" asks another girl to go home with him she may accept his company as far as the rules of etiquette are concerned. Personally she may decide the question as she pleases. But why do you say "gentleman friend"? That is bad form. Simply say "friend," or better still call the man by name and those who are interested will know the rest. (2) It is too late to go "buggy riding" after a party. But why not say "driving" instead of "buggy riding"? (3) There is no rule by which a gentleman asks a lady for her company. The plainest and simplest way is best. (4) Girls of seventeen are not usually in society, where it would be necessary to accept gentlemen's company. If they are, it is quite proper.

Blue Eyes, New York, N. Y.—Ask him to come again if you wish, or not as you choose. In this case it does not appear that he is anxious to come, though he may be diffident. Better ask him. (2) The taking of arms is not as customary as formerly, but still it is done. (3) Girls of seventeen and past should wear their hair up, though many girls of 17 still wear it in a braid down their backs. (4) A girl of seventeen if full size should wear her dresses very nearly, if not quite, as long as if she were a woman. (6) Winking is simply vulgar and

CONSUMPTION Can Be CURED FREE!

Here is HEALTH

These Four New Preparations comprise a complete new treatment and cure for Consumption, Lung Troubles and nearly all the ills of life.

The Food-Emulsion and Tonic by some, the Emulsion and Tonic by others, the Expectant by others, the Ozokell Cure for Catarrh by others and still all four, or any three, or two, or any one, may be used singly or in combination, according to the needs of the case. Full instructions with each set of four free remedies, represented in this illustration. Also 68-page My Doctor Book, with testimonials. Address

DR. T. A. SLOCUM

98 Pine St., New York.

Al the ailments of women and delicate children are speedily relieved and cured by these flesh-forming Remedies.



Are your lungs weak?
Have you dry, hacking cough?
Have you hemorrhage of lungs?
Do you have pains in chest or back?
Do you raise phlegm or blood?
Is your throat sore and inflamed?
Have you bronchitis?
Does your head ache?
Is your appetite poor?
Do you have night sweats?
Are you losing flesh?
Are you pale, thin and weak?
Have you ringing in ears?
Have you hot or cold flashes?
Is there dropping in throat?
Is the nose dry and stuffy?
Have you stomach trouble?
Have you a coated tongue?
Have you catarrh?
Have you shortness of breath?
Have you asthma?
Have you kidney trouble?

Any one or all the above symptoms are prevented, removed and cured by the New Slocum System of Treatment.

WRITE TO THE DOCTOR.

Please send your name and full address to DR. T. A. SLOCUM, 98 PINE ST., NEW YORK, and the Four Free Preparations will be at once forwarded to you with full directions for use.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The New Slocum System of Treatment for the Cure of Tuberculosis, Consumption, Lung Troubles, Bronchitis, Asthma, Catarrh, General Debility, Anæmia, Rundown System, Kidney Troubles, and nearly all the ills of life, is medicine reduced to an exact science by the World's foremost Specialist. By the timely use of these Remedies thousands of apparently hopeless cases have been permanently cured. By special arrangement, all our readers who may be afflicted will be supplied with ALL FOUR REMEDIES FREE. We absolutely guarantee this generous offer. When writing the Doctor, please give express and postoffice address and tell him you read this announcement in COMFORT and greatly oblige.

common, though some very nice people have fallen into the habit of it. (7) Do not permit the man to squeeze your arm. He is trying to be familiar with you and you cannot permit that under any circumstances. A well-bred man will not do it unless he is encouraged to do so.

White Rose, Sharp, S. C.—The lady always takes the gentleman's arm. (2) One time is too often. Don't do it at all unless you are engaged. (3) Wear your hair in the most becoming way.

Giggler, Sun, Kans.—It may be proper enough, but it is not customary for a young lady to ask a man to go home with her. Except, of course, it becomes necessary for her to do so. (2) Yes. (3) "Done up" hair is not quite appropriate for fourteen year old girls. (4) A girl at a boarding school should wear to a supper, and at all times, the very simplest and prettiest things she can afford. "Sweet simplicity" should be a study with her, as much as books are.

Lara, Eunonia, S. C.—A gentleman should not take a lady's arm unless it is necessary for him to do so to help her along. He should offer her his arm.

E. M. B., Oakville, Iowa.—It is not exactly wrong for young ladies and gentlemen who are not acquainted, to talk over the telephone, but, unless it is a necessity to do so, on business or otherwise, it is not done any more than the same persons would talk on the street or elsewhere. (2) A "good, sensible girl of sixteen" will not keep company with a young man of twenty, therefore we need not tell you she is too young. She may know the young man and be very nice to him, but she will wait, if she is a "good, sensible" girl until she is twenty before she "keeps company" with him. (3) We can not make out what kind of stains you want a remedy for.

Orange Lily cures Leucorrhœa, Ulceration, Displacement, Painful Periods. For a free trial address, Mrs. H. L. Fretter, Detroit, Mich.

EARN A GOLD WATCH

By selling 12 pieces of our handsome jewelry (each set with an exquisite jewel.) Send your address and we will send you the 12 pieces of jewelry postpaid. When sold send us the money & we will send you the handsome "Gold" watch, which has American lever escapement, expansion balance, quick train, highly finished movement. Guaranteed for 10 years. **HAKE CO. 84 Safe Bldg., Chicago**

Charming Dress Hat \$1.95

An exact copy of a **FAMOUS PARIS PATTERN HAT** which cost \$40 to make and import. It possesses all the charm and elegance of the original which was designed by a leading milliner of France. It is stylish and right up-to-date, becoming to any face and suited to young and old alike. The frame is buckram, covered with black silk finished velvet, made with wide deep rolling brim with broad front effect and pointed deep back. Front is trimmed beautifully with a large loose gracefully arranged milliners twist of black camel hair felt and turquoise blue velvet, one and being carried to right side and artistically attached to crown. Harmoniously combined with folds of twist and extending back over hat are two handsome black ostrich demi-plumes. Effectively arranged over brim on left side is a streamer of ribbon terminating in lovely folds on bandeau. Completing the rich harmonious trimming is a handsome novelty buckle and a dainty bow of turquoise velvet at back and a beautiful black ostrich tip on bandeau resting on hair at back. The hat may be ordered as described or in black, gray, brown or cashmere with trimmings to match, except ostrich plumes which are black or white as desired. **SEND 25c DEPOSIT** state color of trimmings desired and we will send this elegant dress hat Q.O.D., subject to examination, pay express agent balance (\$1.70) and express charges if hat pleases, otherwise will refund your 25c.

Write today for our free Special Millinery Catalog illustrating Women's, Misses' and Children's Trimmed Hats at \$1.00 up.

Front is trimmed beautifully with a large loose gracefully arranged milliners twist of black camel hair felt and turquoise blue velvet, one and being carried to right side and artistically attached to crown. Harmoniously combined with folds of twist and extending back over hat are two handsome black ostrich demi-plumes. Effectively arranged over brim on left side is a streamer of ribbon terminating in lovely folds on bandeau. Completing the rich harmonious trimming is a handsome novelty buckle and a dainty bow of turquoise velvet at back and a beautiful black ostrich tip on bandeau resting on hair at back. The hat may be ordered as described or in black, gray, brown or cashmere with trimmings to match, except ostrich plumes which are black or white as desired. **SEND 25c DEPOSIT** state color of trimmings desired and we will send this elegant dress hat Q.O.D., subject to examination, pay express agent balance (\$1.70) and express charges if hat pleases, otherwise will refund your 25c.

JOHN M. SMYTH CO., W. Madison St., Chicago

THIS Grand Outfit ALL for 10 cents.

Ten cents pays for all these goods mailed postpaid. One 18k. Gold plated Ring, Beautiful Rose Pin, Gold Plated Watch Chain, Fine Leather Pocket Purse with clasp, Key Ring, Pen and outfit, Home Games, Horse Shoe Charm, Pearl Top Scarf Pin, Album of colored Pictures, Buffalo Souvenir, 8 Silvered Studs, Stone set Ladies' Bracelet, Funch and Judy Whistle, one fine Gold 27. Gent's Scarf Pin, sent gratis. The above grand lot of new, useful and entertaining jewelry novelties, etc. mailed postpaid, only 10 cents. Address, **BUCHANAN & CO., P.O. Box 1523, New York.**

\$26,200 AND 12 PIANOS FREE

A I *E* * * I *O* * * * I *E* *

THE above stars and letters represent the names of three Presidents of the U. S., all of whom were killed by assassins while in office. Can you study out the names and fill in with letters where there are now stars, so as to spell the correct names? If so you can share in this distribution. We shall give away \$1200.00 in cash and 12 Genuine Grand Upright Pianos among those who enter this contest and comply with one simple condition which need not take a half hour of your time. Many, in fact, have done so in less than ten minutes. **READ CAREFULLY.** Remember we do not want one cent of your money when you answer this contest. In making the three names be sure to use the letters already there and put one letter in the place of each star. After you have arranged the three correct names, write them out plainly and send to us and you will receive our reply by return mail. Also, in addition to the prizes just named, we will give you without any further expense or labor on your part an opportunity to win the First Prize **\$10,000 IN CASH** or one or more of 1000 CASH prizes amounting to \$25,000.00 cash in all. All these prizes will positively be paid in cash, and let us urge you not to lose this golden opportunity. **TRY AND WIN.** If you make the three correct names and send them to us at once who knows but you may get a big cash prize and also a fine piano. We hope you will, and anyhow it costs you nothing to try. Send your answer to **THE PRESS PUBLISHING CO., Box 1275, 66 Aldine St., Boston, Mass.**

Which Way Does Your Future Point?

Your Fortune Told Free

WHAT YOUR FUTURE CONTAINS WILL BE TOLD YOU ABSOLUTELY FREE.

The Science of Astrology enables everyone to learn their characteristics, what they should do to make a real success of their life, to win fame, wealth and popularity. You can learn all this without having to pay a penny for it. You can learn what misfortunes are in your path, so that you can avoid them and have success instead. You will be told what to expect in love, in marriage, in business, in politics, in social life. What you shall do to secure good fortune and wealth.

Knowledge That Will Make You A Winner.

The Science of Astrology enables you to easily overcome the hard things in life, and to be far more successful and prosperous than you have ever before dreamed of being. You are therefore advised to write at once to take advantage of this free offer, which is made through the generosity of a little league of earnest occult Mystic Adepts, who have given up their lives to a study of psychic sciences with the desire that their fellow-men may profit thereby. You will have to pay absolutely nothing for this horoscope of your life. It will be given you entirely free, and at the same time there will be sent you a most interesting book on Astrology, which you will be only too glad to read from cover to cover, and also a copy of that wonderfully forceful and helpful magazine, called the **NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES**, which vibrates with words of hope and optimism and is full of information which will enable you to make your life what it should be.

Accept This Great Free Offer At Once.

This League of Mystic Adepts urges you to take advantage of its free offer and to write at once, and your horoscope, together with the book and the copy of the **MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES**, will be sent you entirely free of all charge, and the information you will get from them will be of immeasurable value to you.

All you need do is to state your sex, the date of your birth, and so, stamp for return postage, and the horoscope, together with the treatise on Astrology and the **MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES**, will be sent you entirely free by return mail. Address your letter to **The Exalted Mystic Adept, care of The Magazine of Mysteries, 99 North William St., New York City.**

Comfort's Palmistry Club.

"A Birthmark" is the title under the first palm I shall read this time. It indicates the hand of a lady, being distinctly feminine in every way. She is gentle, refined and womanly, but nervous and somewhat timid; loves to depend upon others and to be cared for, though she has the courage to look out for herself if it is necessary. A little more perseverance and self-reliance, however, would help her to get on in the world and make life easier for her. I would advise her to cultivate the habit of thinking and deciding for herself more than she naturally does. She has improved somewhat in this particular, however, since she was sixteen years old. Her health is in the main good although she was a delicate child, and she will not be very long-lived unless she takes particularly good care of herself at the age of forty-five to fifty. She is romantic in her tastes and fond of fiction and poetry. If she should write she would learn to excel in these lines; the only trouble being in her lack of "stick-to-it-iveness," that is, she would give up trying and not be willing to "keep everlastingly at it," as one must to succeed. She has a good fate line which shows that she can be successful and her line of Apollo or riches is good. She will see a good deal of trouble, however, and will always have the opposition of relatives to her various undertakings. Especially is this true before the age of thirty. She will marry not far from the age of twenty-five and there will come some decided change in her life about thirty. I do not think her marriage will last over ten years, and she will outlive her husband. She has always been a favorite with the opposite sex and will be as long as she lives, as she is good company and has a great deal of tact; she will know how to manage a man without seeming to do so, a great gift to woman and one of the best lubricators for the machinery of married life.

"E. Judy" has a good feminine hand also. She has great faith in her own ability and will always have the courage of her convictions, even to over-doing it. She has the quality as much over-developed as the last subject had it lacking. It will be well for this one to seek advice from those competent to advise her, and to take heed to what they tell her. She is not so nervous as the previous subject, either, and having a good head-line will be able to take things calmly and philosophically. In fact, I think she is one that can be relied on to "keep cool" in the face of any danger and she has much courage and self-reliance. She will never bear children and I do not think she will marry. If she does, the affair will not last long and she will be happier alone. She will outlive her husband, if she marries, but she will not live to be fifty. At or near the age of thirty she will be protected from some danger to her life, either from illness or some outside force. She will have an opportunity for second marriage about the age of forty and she will do well to take it, as I see happiness there; but she will not live many years afterward anyway. She is very ambitious and will realize some of her dreams. She is of a practical turn, rather than romantic, and will be a valuable, helpful member of the community in which she lives. She, too, will be popular with the opposite sex and will have several affairs of the heart, and several offers of marriage. But she will be sensible about them and will not accept unless she sees that it will be best, or feels that it will be so. On the whole, this is a fortunate hand and although she will not have a remarkably long life it will be a reasonably happy one; in other words she will know how to get the most out of it.

"Mrs. Mattingly" sends a drawing which she says is perfect and I will read it, though no drawing is absolutely correct as I have often said. The fine lines and "worry lines" do not show on a drawing, and these often modify the principal lines considerably. Also the position and direction of the main lines should be absolutely correct. However, a reading from a drawing is often better than none, so here goes. Mrs. Mattingly has a somewhat peculiar hand; there is no fate line at all and a double life line, a combination I have never before seen. She has also a double line of health and a long, sloping line of head, which indicates a sentimental, romantic and rather melancholy turn of mind. You will recall what I told you a month or two ago about the line indicating suicide; well, this is not long or sloping enough for that, but this subject will be easily discouraged, and peculiar in her tastes and habits. She will be very independent, too, in her opinions and will have

the courage to do whatever she chooses, in spite of public opinion. She married early in life and makes a good wife, as near as I can judge although the marriage lines do not appear at all under the little finger, as they should, and as they probably do in the hand itself. I am very much inclined to agree with Cheiro that it is never safe to read a drawing, on the ground that the little lines that do not seem important enough to draw, will often change the entire reading. This subject will have exceptionally good health and will live to be very old. She will accumulate money and will be well off in her old age. "Libbie" sends some excellent impressions of both hands all treated with fixatif so that they did not rub at all. That is always best. Her hands show a life crossed by both good and ill. She was not a very strong child, and her early life was given up to others, but later on she comes out from their influence and learns to stand alone, although not without some opposition. She had an early love-affair, that caused her some trouble, but she outgrew it and lives to know that it is better so. She is a favorite with the other sex but is always cool-headed and does not throw herself away for love as many women do. She marries not far from twenty-five and her married life is happy and successful. After she is fifty they "strike it rich" and although she is well off before, she will find plenty of wealth and the fame that goes with it after she is fifty. Indeed, after thirty-five everything tends toward money-getting and she will find herself steadily improving in circumstances from that time onward. There is a break in the life line about fifty or fifty-five, but I think she will have a "close call" at that time from which she will escape and then will live out her days either in a foreign land or in a distant part of her own country. She will travel about a great deal, al-

ways successfully. Indeed, life for her is full of changes and surprises, with some vicissitudes. Her courage, good sense and ambition will be of great help to her, and she will go from better to better all the way through. A fortunate hand, tho' with troubles and disappointments all the way through. She will have several children three of whom will live to grow up. She will be prominent in whatever community she resides, or may be if she wishes to. Decidedly the easier and pleasant part of her life comes after the age of thirty. She has so much good sense that she needs no advice from me so I will only say: Be careful of the health between the ages of fifty and sixty.

TO WOMEN WHO DREAD MOTHERHOOD!
Information How They May Give Birth to Happy, Healthy Children Absolutely Without Pain—Sent Free.
No woman need any longer dread the pains of child-birth; or remain childless. Dr. J. H. Dye has devoted his life to relieving the sorrows of women. He has proved that all pain at child-birth may be entirely banished, and he will gladly tell you how it may be done absolutely free of charge. Send your name and address to Dr. J. H. Dye, Box 137, Buffalo, N. Y., and he will send you, postpaid, his wonderful book which tells how to give birth to happy, healthy children, absolutely without pain; also how to cure sterility. Do not delay but write today.

Weltmerism Revealed.

It Costs Nothing to Receive Full Information Regarding the Greatest Curative Power Known to Civilization.

Weltmerism the wonderful science of drugless healing is still the chief topic of conversation in scientific circles. Thousands have been cured of every known disease by it and the name of Weltmer has become a household word, yet most people know nothing of this grand science except that it cures when all else has failed. They look upon it as a mysterious power that cannot be understood. Prof. Weltmer desires every one to know just how his science cures and earnestly requests all who are afflicted in any way to write him, no matter how chronic their disease may be nor how many physicians have pronounced it incurable. Mrs. F. M. Hall of Rinaldo, Ky., was cured of Catarrh of the Stomach by Prof. Weltmer's Absorbent Treatment. Mrs. Emma Boehme of Belleville, Ill., was cured of Catarrh, Deafness and Head Noises by Absorbent Treatment. Mrs. C. E. Haddon of Tampa, Fla., was cured of Bright's Disease by Absorbent Treatment after physicians had failed to relieve her. No disease is too stubborn or of too long standing to be cured by this wonderful method. Send your name and address to Prof. S. A. Weltmer, Nevada, Mo., and he will send you absolutely free, full information as to how you may be cured and a beautiful 40 page illustrated magazine, containing matter of much interest and testimonials of people who were on the very brink of death but were saved through Weltmerism. Prof. Weltmer has so perfected his method he can easily teach it to others either by mail or personal instruction. Many of his students are making from \$10.00 to \$50.00 a day. Full information sent free to those addressing Prof. S. A. Weltmer, Nevada, Mo.



PROF. WELTMER.

ARLINGTON SEWING MACHINES ARE EASIEST RUNNING BECAUSE BALL-BEARING.

\$14.75

Elegant Polished Swell Front Oak Cabinet with or without Italian Marquetry Decorations. Latest and most stylish design. Guaranteed for 30 years.



250,000 DISCRIMINATING WOMEN
Everywhere are using (many of them for seventeen years past) the Celebrated Easy Running Ball-Bearing No. 9 Arlington

The acknowledged triumph of the craftsman's skill and the finisher's art. Made only from the most severely tested material. Just go to your nearest banker or responsible merchant, deposit with him the purchase price of this machine and send us this Certificate of Deposit—or a copy of same on a separate sheet:

SEND NO MONEY

OUR LIBERAL NO RISK CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

This is to Certify THAT Mr. _____ of Town _____ State _____ has deposited with the undersigned the sum of \$14.75 in payment of No. 9 "Arlington" Machine ordered of the CASH BUYERS' UNION, of Chicago, with the understanding that this money is to be held by me for 30 days, while the purchaser gives the machine a trial at home, and is to be sent to the CASH BUYERS' UNION at the expiration of the 30 days, unless the purchaser is dissatisfied, in which event I am to refund the money to the purchaser on presentation of Bill of Lading, showing the return of the machine.

30 DAYS FREE TRIAL Signature of Banker _____ Date _____ Town _____ State _____



THE BALL BEARINGS
prevent friction and afford absolute ease to the operator. The balls are large size made from fine tool steel and run in an oil tempered steel cap which is adjustable.

PROMPT SHIPMENTS
There will not be any delay in filling your order, we have the machines, thousands of them, all tested and crated ready for shipment.

CASH BUYERS' UNION, Dept. M, 5, CHICAGO, ILL.

A FINE DIAMOND FOUNTAIN PEN FREE FOR GOOD WILL

YOU SEND NO MONEY. YOU SELL NOTHING. All we want for the Fountain Pen is your good will, and if you will give us that we will send you the Fountain Pen free as a present. This is our new offer, the most liberal ever made and means exactly what it says. Pen is exact size of picture, strictly first-class, made of solid gold, with some figured composition barrel and turned cap, complete with fine nib.



Guaranteed to write as easy and perfect as any Fountain Pen at any price. 150 to 166 and 285 to 299

JOHN M. SMYTH COMPANY WEST MADISON STREET CHICAGO, ILL.

I ASTONISH THE WORLD
Prof. Bonourant, C. H. 1809, BOSTON, MASS.

WANTED
RELIABLE MEN in every locality throughout the United States to introduce our goods, taking up show cards on trees, fences, along roads, and all conspicuous places, also distributing small advertising matter. Commission or salary \$40.00 per month and expenses not to exceed \$2.50 per day. Steady employment to good honest, reliable men. No experience needed. Write for full particulars. EMPIRE MEDICINE CO., London, Ontario, Canada.

SENT FREE TO CATHOLICS

To secure the names of all Catholics, to keep them informed about latest devotional goods, we will send this handsome O. of M. Electro Gold Emblem Pin, enamelled in colors, on receipt of 10c to cover postage, and also our large free illustrated catalogue of devotional goods, which we sell to you at manufacturer's prices. W. J. KELLEY CO., 23 Monroe St., Chicago.

FREE
The cases of the watches which we are giving away FREE are as handsome as the picture of the watch shown in this advertisement. A watch with an American movement, solid gold-filled (ladies' or gents' size), guaranteed for 30 years, can easily be earned by anyone without risk or investing a penny. Upon receipt of name and address, we will send you twenty pieces of assorted small jewelry, dear to every woman's heart, such as stick-pins, cuff-buttons, etc., which anyone should be able to sell to their friends in two hours, at from 5c. to 15c. for each piece, but we only ask you to send us 20c. for each piece. Write us and we will send the jewelry, when we will immediately send our watch. Better write to-day as our contract permits us to give away only two or three watches in the neighborhood. How we do it is explained in our circulars. The Better Watch Co., Dept. A, Brooklyn, N.Y.



50 CENT OFFER!
Cut this ad. out and send to us with 50 cents (postage stamps taken) and we will send you this handsome STRADIVARIUS MODEL VIOLIN, and complete outfit, by express C. O. D., subject to examination. You can examine it at your express office, call in any expert musician to examine it, and if you find it perfectly satisfactory and pronounced by everyone the grandest bargain ever made, you can return it to us in full payment for the instrument. SOLD AT \$10.00 TO \$15.00, THEN PAY THE EXPRESS AGENT \$3.25 average about 50 cents for each 500 miles. OUR SPECIAL CUT PRICE is \$3.75. We only ask that you send 50 cents with your order (postage stamps taken), the balance of \$3.25 and express charges to be paid after the instrument is received. ONE MONTH'S FREE TRIAL. You can give this violin one month's trial in your own home, and if at any time you become dissatisfied for any reason whatever, you can return it to us at our expense AND WE WILL CHEERFULLY REFUND OR RETURN YOUR MONEY. THIS IS THE CELEBRATED CONSERVATORY VIOLIN made especially for use under contract by one of the best known European makers, A HIGH GRADE VIOLIN. Only the very best material is used, the most skilled mechanics are employed. This violin is a genuine Stradivarius model, so celebrated for its rich, deep, powerful and unusually mellow, soft and sweet tone. The back and sides of the violin are made of the choicest old curly maple, beautifully figured; the top of the thoroughly seasoned spruce, such as is used only in the highest priced instruments. The tail piece is solid ebony; the neck selected curly maple with ebony fingerboard and pegs. The violin is a rich reddish brown in color, beautifully shaped, handsomely polished and finished, such as you will not find in music stores at less than \$15.00. WE INCLUDE FREE with our special \$3.75 violin, a fine violin case and an extra fine genuine Brazil wood bow with ebony frog, German silver button, a bow which retails at 25 cents to \$1.00; also one set of our celebrated Glendon strings, one large piece of rosin, one complete instruction book, one fingerboard chart which can be attached to the fingerboard without changing the instrument and enables the beginner to find every note and position easily; and one tuning pipe to give the proper pitch to which the instrument should be tuned. The entire outfit is very carefully packed and safe delivery guaranteed. CHEAPER VIOLINS are being advertised in this and other papers, mostly by concerns unknown to the music trade, at prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$4.00. If you want one of these cheap instruments and will cut out the ad. of any one of these advertisers and send it to us, we will send you the same or a better instrument at a lower price than the other houses can possibly make; but if you really want a high grade instrument and would like to know the vast difference between our \$3.75 Conservatory violin and those advertised by other houses at a similar price, let us send you our instrument to examine, and then let any other house send you their instrument to examine, and everyone does not say that our instrument is worth half a dozen of the cheaper instruments advertised by others, you can return our violin at our expense and we will immediately return the 50 cents sent us.

1427 Silk Fringe Cards, Love, Transparent, Secret & Acquaintance Cards, New Prizes, New Games, Premium Articles, etc. Finest Sample Book of Visiting & Hidden Name Cards, Biggest Catalogue. Send 2c. stamp for full O. H. O. CARD CO., CINCINNATI, OHIO.

CARDS

We Will Start You

In a permanent influential business that will make for you more money and more friends than you ever had before. Be your own boss. No matter what you are doing write us if you wish to earn more money. We start only one in each locality. We supply everything. Write to-day, tomorrow may be too late. Address: The Lycoside Co., Dept. 8, 3831 Baring Street, Philadelphia, Pa.



WE ARE THE LARGEST MUSIC DEALERS
In the world selling direct to the consumer. We control the product of several of the largest European manufacturers, and can furnish you better musical goods at LOW PRICES than you can buy elsewhere. OUR FREE MUSICAL GOODS CATALOGUE shows the biggest line of Violins, Mandolins, Guitars and all other Instruments and Musical Supplies, also Organs and Pianos at prices heretofore unknown. THIS BIG BOOK WILL BE SENT FREE TO ANY ADDRESS ON APPLICATION. Address: SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

Astrological Calendar.



THE New Moon, to which we look for indications for November, is a partial eclipse of the Sun which falls on the 31st day of October, at a few minutes past three o'clock in the morning, Washington Time. A figure for that time, at our seat of government, shows the last degrees of the celestial sign Virgo rising with the 25th degree of Gemini on the south meridian. Mercury is therefore the ruler of the scheme and he will then be located nearly on the cusp of the 2nd house in benevolent aspect with Herschel in the 3rd house, though squared by Saturn in the 4th house. The eclipse falls in the 2nd house only six degrees from Venus and in favorable aspect with Mars in the 12th house and with Neptune in the 10th house. This figure indicates an unusual degree of excitement in the political affairs of the nation; unusual harmony between the governed classes and public authorities and a popular enthusiasm in election matters, endorsing an aggressive attitude of the national authorities in international matters, though there will be much treachery and deceit in political wire-working, especially in treating the great financial questions, and much bitterness and invective against all combinations of capital in industrial matters and great criticism of methods and plans of expenditure of the public money. Schools and hotels will prosper and places of amusement give profit to the management as well as the artist.

At the full Moon, which occurs on the 15th of the month, the great benefic Jupiter will be just rising and the Sun, Mercury and Venus will be in the 8th house. This indicates a good degree of prosperity to the masses of the people and the subordination of the governed to the governing classes. Mars in the 7th points to some unrest or turmoil in the western regions of our country or possessions. There will be some trouble in prisons or the reformatory institutions of the country, either in the nature of disease or violent outbreak among inmates. Saturn in the 4th points to some unusually severe cold weather for the season, especially in the first half of the month, and considerable suffering from cold among the laboring classes. The indications, on the whole, for the month, are better than the average.

CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER, 1902.

NOVEMBER 1-Saturday. Improve this day vigorously for the transaction of business concerning lands and houses; deal with plumbers, plasterers, glaziers, gardeners, farmers, contractors, and builders and the classes generally who are engaged in the laborious and dirty avocations. Do not take the day, however, for any kind of a speculation in commercial circles nor make any beginning of magnitude in trade.

2-Sunday. Peculiar sentiments and odd expressions will be observed in the extemporaneous discourse of today; contentions and quarrels are to be especially guarded against; thieves will be active at this time and many of them come to grief; let all be guarded against fire.

3-Monday. Give preference to the forenoon for the most important engagements; do not deal in fancy goods nor engage in works of decoration or adornment; the late afternoon and evening encourage the literary avocations; do correspondence and attend to matters of account; mental efforts will be more satisfactory in the evening.

4-Tuesday. Enter into no engagements relating to real estate or buildings; have no dealings with miners, agriculturists, or traders in agricultural products; make no contracts with printers, publishers, press-writers, or elderly persons in any walk in life.

5-Wednesday. A superior day, especially for the fine arts; deal in fancy goods and engage in works of decoration or adornment; choose the time also for chemical experiments and for urging all the mechanical pursuits; deal with cutlers, surgeons, tailors and military men; use the middle hours of the day for making applications for favor or advantage from officers of great corporations, public officials or from those employer.

6-Thursday. Contentions and discord will be easy of birth on this day and it will be wise if the beginning of long journeys be postponed for a short season; have extreme caution in all thy business engagements; do not sign any writings of importance, nor engage any help; embassments are likely to come to editors, authors, booksellers, publishers, printers, mathematicians, civil engineers, surveyors, lawyers and judges; correspondence goes wrong or gives little ultimate satisfaction and if very important is best postponed; the judgment will prove faulty and all mental productions of the day are best laid aside for future consideration and revision; thieves and swindlers are active and fires are to be guarded against. These suggestions are peculiarly appropriate for the period between the 14th of January or April or the 15th of July or 17th of October, of past years. Nervous troubles will be aggravated and mental afflictions rendered more acute.

7-Friday. Commercial men will find this one of their active and favorable days, though the time is not so favorable for the elegant occupations or the fine arts; give preference to the middle hours for those engagements with banks and persons of wealth; for urging collections and making purchases of goods for trade, excepting goods of an artistic or decorative nature.

8-Saturday. Solicit no favor from persons in authority during the forenoon, when matters do not appear to succeed or are hindered or baffled in progress; the latter half of the day is favorable for dealings with government employees, and persons in the desirable pursuits of any very ingenious work.

9-Sunday. The influences are peculiarly appropriate for the day and for successful religious exercises; the mind is particularly active.

10-Monday. Keep a civil tongue in the morning; be slow to take offense; avoid controversy; be not careless with respect to the middle hours for those engagements with banks and persons of wealth; for urging collections and making purchases of goods for trade, excepting goods of an artistic or decorative nature.

11-Tuesday. Give preference to the early hours for transactions pertaining to houses and lands, though do not expect to make marked progress in any of the elegant pursuits during the day generally in which money favors are not easily obtained.

12-Wednesday. Begin this day early and urge all manner of business to the utmost; buy goods for trade, seek money accommodations and have important dealings with banks, judges, lawyers and persons of wealth and prominence.

13-Thursday. One of the unfavorable days of the month; begin no important undertaking; have no transaction in real estate or with persons engaged in the dirty avocations; keep out of all kinds of disputes and controversies in the afternoon.

14-Friday. Have caution in all thy business engagements on this day; sign no papers of importance; travel not nor engage any help; financial annoyances arise just at this time to editors, authors, booksellers, publishers and the intellectual classes generally, especially if born about the 26th of January or April or the 30th of July or October, of past years; to such persons correspondence goes wrong, gives little ultimate satisfaction and if very important is best postponed until a more fitting season.

15-Saturday. Make no engagement towards wedding, nor expect much success in the elegant pursuits or from dealings in dry goods or fancy or ornamental wares; ask no favor from those employer nor seek any advantage from public officials; the afternoon is more favorable and encourages all engagements towards real estate improvement.

16-Sunday. An especially fortunate Sabbath day, inducing mental activity and promoting pupil eloquence and the enjoyment of literary productions.

17-Monday. Usurers have here a day of profit and advantage and thou shouldst be wary with thy purse, indulging not in any speculation, nor in signing any writing obligating thyself; it is best to give the time to routine matters alone.

18-Tuesday. The very early and very late hours are the best ones of the day—the latter being particularly favorable for mental efforts and appreciation of literary productions; the middle hours are mischievous for success or profit from any of the elegant avocations.

19-Wednesday. Use the forenoon for undertakings concerned with machinery; deal with cutlers, surgeons,

chemists, bakers, barbers, tailors, tanners, carpenters and military men; urge all the elegant pursuits, but have no transactions relating to houses or lands, or their use or improvement.

20-Thursday. Keep a bridle upon the tongue during the forenoon when thou shouldst be deliberate in all thine undertakings; do not make purchases for trade nor speculate in stocks during this day; keep watch of the purse and practice economy as to personal gratifications.

21-Friday. Conditions during the first half of this day are generally unfavorable and discourage the making of contracts of a commercial nature; do no correspondence of magnitude nor expect any success in the literary undertakings; the afternoon, more favorable and encourages dealings with large corporations, public officials and persons noted for eccentricity of habits or dress.

22-Saturday. The middle hours of the day are the best and should be given preference for the great undertaking in life; do not seek promotion in office or any favor from the authorities; the latter part of the day nor be surprised if thine undertakings lag during the afternoon.

23-Sunday. Avoid rashness of word or act and be not easily moved to wrath; the mind is especially active and religious discourse will be earnest and aggressive; have dealings with the aged in the evening.

24-Monday. An excellent day, in which important enterprises will be well begun, especially if they pertain to the elegant occupations or polite arts; the day is particularly fortunate for the purchase or sale of wearing apparel and all fancy and ornamental goods.

25-Tuesday. Bright and prosperous are the conditions of this day and HERCULES advises his commercial and literary friends to urge their business to the very utmost, giving preference, so far as may be, to the forenoon hours; travel, employ help, sign writings, employ lawyers, buy goods for trade, adjust accounts and do most important correspondence; as the evening hours approach make no application for favor nor expect much advantage or satisfaction from social engagements or from musical or theatrical entertainments.

26-Wednesday. The very early hours of the day are the best, but as the forenoon advances do not ask any favors of thy landlord or of real estate men generally; nor should much benefit be expected from dealings with contractors or any persons engaged in the dirty avocations; failure, indecision and forgetfulness will be common faults; melancholy will affect the minds of many just at this time.

27-Thursday. Use the middle hours of this day to the utmost, but in the afternoon unusual caution will be required to avoid money losses; do not make any investment of means in speculative ventures; do not buy any goods for trade or begin any transactions with moneyed men or banking institutions and practice economy in dispensing thy worldly goods in any direction.

28-Friday. Improve the forenoon for dealing in metals, machinery, chemicals and explosives, also for pursuit of mechanical trades and inventions; make engagements relating to masonry, construction of public works and buildings, and mining work of all kinds; deal with plumbers, excavators, farmers, and lumber and timber traders; have difficult dentistry done and generally urge thy business pertaining to houses and lands and all kinds of improvements of the same; use the afternoon for engagements with printers, publishers, type foundries and generally with persons engaged in fiduciary capacities or who are in the management of estates of deceased persons; make deeds, wills, leases, mortgages and all contracts relating to real estate.

29-Saturday. Begin the day early and urge all undertakings of a scientific, literary or artistic nature; let those engaged in the literary pursuits choose the forenoon for their best efforts; travel, sign writings, urge scientific and mathematical pursuits, adjust accounts, do correspondence of moment and do not waste any time in idleness; the evening is peculiarly propitious for enjoyment of the drama or the musical or artistic entertainments or social gathering; let the afternoon be fully used for the elegant occupations or the polite arts.

30-Sunday. This day abounds in benevolence, being especially conducive to religious fervor and particularly inviting communion with the poet and artist; efforts of the clergy will be attended with more than ordinary success and church matters and officials are particularly favored.

FREE TO EVERY LADY.

A safe, simple home treatment that cured me after years of suffering with uterine troubles, displacements, leucorrhoea, etc., sent free to ladies with full instructions how to use it. Address Mrs. L. D. Hudnut, South Bend, Ind.

DOLLY READY TO TALK



Big Doll

Talks, and Sleeps Cries.

Latest Wonder of the doll makers' art

FREE TALKING AND SLEEPING DOLL

THE most wonderful and newest production of the doll makers' art. Talks, sleeps and cries like a real live baby, and is nearly one-half yard tall. A big and lovely beauty doll with movable bisque head, long natural curly hair, pearly teeth, sleeping eyes, fancy colored lace trimmed dress, hat, real tan shoes, open work (red, blue or black) stockings, underwear, etc., dressed complete from top to toe. GIRLS, do you desire to receive this big and handsome Talking and Sleeping Doll Baby free of all cost, for a little work after school hours? If so, write us at once and we will mail you twenty fast selling and useful articles for ladies' and gentlemen's wear, to dispose of at only ten cents each. When sold, remit us the money (\$2.00) and we will forward to your address, by mail, postage prepaid, carefully packed in strong corrugated mailing boxes, this wonderful, mechanical, Talking and Sleeping Doll, as described in this advertisement. Order twenty articles at once and address,

TALKING DOLL WORKS,
51 TALKING DOLL BUILDING,
BRIDGEWATER, - - CONN.

EXTRA PRESENT.—This handsomely engraved Aluminum Silver Bracelet, together with a pretty Doll Chatelaine, are all given free as Extra Presents (in addition to the doll) for making prompt remittance.



SOLID ALUMINUM SILVER BRACELET.

NO MONEY WANTED—Not a cent from your own pocket, as we deliver dolls and extra presents by mail, right to your post office, without costing you a cent for charges, etc. PLEASE REMEMBER THIS.

The above concern is reliable and will send the talking doll, etc., as advertised.

A PAYING PROFESSION Can be learned in ten days. Become independent. Be your own boss. Particulars free. PROF. S. A. WELTMER, Nevada, Mo.

FREE RUPTURE CURE If ruptured write to Dr. W. S. Rice, 1019 Main St., Adams, N. Y., and he will send free a trial of his wonderful method. Whether skeptical or not get this free method and try the remarkable invention that cures without pain, danger, operation or detention from work. Write to-day. Don't wait.

\$5.95 BUYS A GENUINE 17 Jeweled or special adjusted patent regulator movement. Genuine 14k, gold plated filled double winding case, elegantly engraved, set with sparkling im. DIAMOND. Hundred dollar watch in appearance. A perfect time-keeper. **WARRANTED 20 YEARS** This watch sent to your name express collect with privilege to examine. If found satisfactory pay agent \$5.95 and express charges. A guarantee and beautiful chain and charm free with each watch. New London Gold and Silver. CHICAGO MFG. CO., Dept. 212, 89 Washington St., CHICAGO, ILL.

Two Rings Free! We will give these Two SOLID GOLD 14k Rings, one set with large Garnet and three Pearls, one with Ruby and two Brillants, FREE to any one that will send \$2.50 of our Gold Plated Enamelled Brooches, set with different colored stones at 10 cents each, and sends us the \$1.20. No money required until brochures are sold. We take back all unsold. Address: HOWARD MFG. CO., PROVIDENCE, R.I.

\$1,000 IN GOLD DOLLARS FREE.

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS PUZZLE?

Each one of the three lines of figures IN THE CENTRE OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT spells the name of a great city in the United States. This is a brand new puzzle and can be solved with a little study as follows: There are twenty-six letters in the alphabet, and we have used figures in spelling the cities instead of letters. Letter A is number 1, B number 2, C number 3, etc., throughout the entire alphabet. IF YOU CAN SPELL OUT THESE THREE CITIES YOU MAY SHARE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF \$1,000.00 WHICH WE ARE GIVING AWAY for getting subscriptions for us. This you can do by giving up a little of your spare time. This and other most liberal offers are made to introduce one of the very best New York magazines into every home in the United States and Canada. WE DO NOT WANT A CENT OF YOUR MONEY. When you have made out the names of these three cities, write them plainly on a postal card and send it to us, and you will hear from us promptly BY RETURN MAIL. It may take an entire evening to solve the three names, but STICK TO IT AND GET YOUR SHARE OF THE \$1,000. A copy of our fascinating MAGAZINE WILL BE SENT FREE to every one answering this advertisement. Do not delay. Send in your answer immediately. WE INTEND TO GIVE AWAY VAST SUMS OF MONEY in the future, just as we have done in the past, to advertise our CHAMMING MAGAZINE. We find it is the very best advertising we can get to give away LARGE SUMS OF GOLD FREE. Here are the names and addresses of a few people we have recently awarded FREE GOLD PRIZES: Mrs. J. M. Lechin, Twenty-third Street, Pittsburg, Pa., \$130.00; Mr. O. F. Ackerman, Hill, N. H., \$125.00; Mrs. Fred Peace, 145 Atkinson St., Rochester, N. Y., \$125.00; Mr. George Corbett, Five Islands, Nova Scotia, Canada, \$80.00; H. C. Hare, 40 Wisconsin Avenue, Columbus, O., \$175.00 (this includes the \$50.00 Cabinet Grand Piano); W. Kettle, 705 Carson Street, Pittsburg, Pa., \$150.00; Miss Martha Gregory, 3 Park St., Newark, Conn., \$105.00; Mrs. John Just, Box 1, Enfield, N. H., \$110.00. We could go on and point to hundreds of names of people who have gained large sums of money from our contests, but only give a few names, as we desire the space to tell you all about THIS SPECIAL \$1,000.00 IN GOLD FREE OFFER. The above solution can be worked out by an alert and clever person, and the reward is so handsome that it will amply pay you to TRY AND SPELL OUT THESE THREE CITIES. Brains and energy nowadays are winning many golden prizes. Study it very carefully, and let us see if you are clever and smart enough to spell out the Three Cities. WE HAVE THE \$1,000.00 IN GOLD. Have you the brains and energy? If you can make out the names of the three cities, send them to us without one cent of money. Remember that this is our \$1,000.00 in Gold Free Distribution, and we don't want you to send any money. When we say FREE, we mean PERFECTLY FREE. We would rather take this way of advertising our excellent magazine than spending many thousands of dollars in other foolish ways. We cheerfully and freely give the money away. YOU MAY WIN. We do not care who gets the money. TO PLEASE OUR READERS IS OUR DELIGHT. The question is, can you solve the above unique proposition? If you can do so, write the names of the three cities and your full address plainly in a letter and mail it to us, and you will hear from us promptly by return mail. Money is a nice thing to have, because there are so many useful uses we can put it to. By a little extra effort someone will get the money we give away. Some lazy and foolish people often neglect these grand golden free offers we make and then wonder and complain about their bad luck. There are

THIS IS THE GREAT PUZZLE.

14	5	23	25	15	18	11			
23	1	19	8	9	14	7	20	15	14
3	8	9	3	1	7	15			

Can You Solve It For Gold?

always plenty of good opportunities for clever, brainy people who are always alert and ready to grasp a real good thing. We have built up our entire business by being alert and liberal in our GRAND GOLD FREE DISTRIBUTIONS. We are continually offering our readers RARE AND UNUSUAL prizes. This special contest we consider one of the greatest offers ever made. Do not delay in giving this matter your immediate attention, and if you can spell out the three cities send your answer at once. \$1,000.00 REWARD will be paid to any one who can prove that in the many Free Cash Contests we have conducted in the past years, we did not do exactly as we agreed. We have a big capital, and anyone can easily ascertain about our financial condition. To pay out these big gold cash prizes is a pleasure to us. We intend to have the largest circulation of our high-class one-dollar magazine in the world. In this progressive age publishers find that successful way to get your magazine talked about. For instance, if you should solve the peculiar way we have of spelling the names of three cities, and we should hand you a sum of money as a free prize, you would never stop talking about our magazine, now would you? WE POSITIVELY CLAIM that these three lines of figures, by our plan, do actually spell the names of three cities and that a clever, brainy person, who can think and will patiently endeavor to solve how it is done, will be amply rewarded by sharing in our \$1,000.00 in Gold Free Offer. Of course if you are easily discouraged and are not patient and are not willing to spend any time in trying to work out the solution, you certainly cannot expect to win. This advertisement was not written for drones or idlers, who are not willing to give a liberal use of their time. We expect the reader to do some work and give it the time and attention it deserves. USE YOUR BRAINS. If you are successful in solving it, well and good. Write the names of the three cities and send them to us, and we will be just as much pleased as you are. We really desire some one to be successful, and as it does not cost you one cent to solve and answer this splendid Free Money Offer, it will be very foolish for you to pass it by. In all fairness give some of your leisure time. SUCCESS IS FOR ENERGETIC AND THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE, and the cause of FAILURE IS LACK OF INTEREST AND LAZINESS. So, dear reader, do not pass this advertisement without trying hard to make a SOLUTION OF THE THREE LINES OF FIGURES PRINTED IN THE CENTRE OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT. We suggest that you carefully read this offer several times before giving up the idea of solving the puzzle. The harder it seems the more patience and determination you should have. COURAGE AND DETERMINATION win many of the PRIZES OF LIFE. Your share in OUR FREE MONEY DISTRIBUTION depends entirely upon your own energy and brains. Don't delay a moment in TRYING TO SOLVE THIS PERPLEXING PUZZLE. Many of the people we have recently sent large letters, profusely thanking us for our prompt and honest dealings, and saying that if we had not so strongly urged them to try to win they would not have been successful and would not have been the happy recipients of a large sum of money for only a few hours' effort. It always pays to give attention to our grand and liberal offers. OUR BIG CASH PRIZES have gladdened the hearts of many persons who needed the money. If you need money you will give attention to this special offer this very minute. If you solve it, write us immediately. DON'T DELAY.

ADDRESS:
THE ROBINSON PUBLISHING COMPANY,
24 NORTH WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

Send to-day 20 cents, with the above coupons, and "COMFORT" will be mailed for six months to each address, and in addition you will receive the booklet "COMFORT's LIST OF HEIRS."

I CURE FITS

When I say I cure I do not mean merely to stop them for a time and then have them return again. I mean a radical cure. I have made the disease of FITS, EPILEPSY or FALLING SICKNESS a life-long study. I warrant my remedy to cure the worst cases. Because others have failed is no reason for not now receiving a cure. Send at once for a treatise and a Free Bottle of my infallible remedy. Give Express and Post Office.

Prof. W. H. PEEKE, F.D., 4 Cedar St., N.Y.

\$12.98 STEEL RANGE

For \$12.98 without reservoir or shelf. \$17.98 with porcelain lined reservoir, high shelf and warming closet, exactly as illustrated. We sell this high grade, big, 32-inch steel range, that others advertise and sell at \$25.00 to \$30.00. Hundreds of other big price making surprises in our complete Store Catalog, sent free on application. If you want anything in the way of a steel range, cook stove, heater, a coal stove or oil stove, we can save you nearly one-half in price. Every stove made in our own foundry. The most wonderful stove prices, complete catalogue and our special pay after received offer, sent this ad. out and mail to:

SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

Paramount Gold Watches

Made with solid gold filled backs, pendant, crown and bow, double hunting case, stem wind and stem set, beautifully engraved, fitted with ELGIN and PERFECT FULL JEWELLED COMPENSATION BALANCE, a perfect timekeeper, warranted 20 years, are the best and the only case made for the money that will wear and keep its color. To introduce them we will for a short time send one of these handsome watches \$5.95 \$4.95 for free examination. After you fully examine it at your express office if you consider it a great bargain pay express agent \$4.95 and ex. charges and the watch is yours. Send your post office or express office address. Agents if you want agents or ladies' time.

THE DIAMOND JEWELRY CO. 225, 226 Dearborn St. Chicago, Ill.

PHOTO BROOCHES 10c.

Send us any photograph you want copied and we will return it unharmed with an exact copy on one of these pretty brooches for only 10c. All our Photo-Minatures are exact and perfect reproductions. We send this 25c. sample for only 10c. To introduce our goods and send you a free our large list of photo-miniatures, jewelry, novelties. Agents wanted.

CROWN MFG. CO., Box 1191, Boston, Mass.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

A Standard Remedy. Ladies, ask Druggist for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH. Take no other. Send 4c. (stamps) for Particulars, Testimonials and "Booklet for Ladies," in letter, by return mail.

CHICHESTER CHEMICAL CO. 2353 Madison Square, Phila., Pa.

YOUR LIFE IS INFLUENCED

By the planet under which you were born. Just as the tides rise and fall with the moon, I point out the tangles and the way to success in love, marriage and business. My forecasts are truly wonderful—to many worth a fortune. I will give you a trial reading free. Send date of birth, enclosing 2 stamps.

Prof. C. O. ZADKIEL, Box 1157, Philadelphia.

FREE

This beautiful Turquoise or Lovers' Knot Bangle Ring warranted three years, with initial engraved and a premium free. Send 10c to help pay postage. Catalogue FREE. The Shell Novelty Co., Dept. K, 194 Broadway, N.Y.

LEARN TO HYPNOTIZE!

Control whom you wish. Make others love and obey. Cure disease. Make fun by the hour. New and latest scientific method. Quick as a flash. YOU can learn it. Success sure. Months illustrated. LESSON and full particulars FREE! Send address at once. Prof. L. A. Harraden, - JACKSON, MISS.

CHILD LOST

for 13 years. Stolen from the cradle. She was told who and where parents lived by ZEMINDAR, Great Hindu Koor, who fortells correctly all Private Affairs. Health, Business. Send stamp for particulars. Box C, 245, Saratoga, N.Y.

LADIES

We will give for a short time, to one lady in each town who agrees to devote one hour's time in our interest amongst their lady friends, FREE, the new improved and perfected Acif, Expanding Safety Hygiene. Send address and we forward at once Hygiene, etc., including full directions and special valuable advice. ST. GERMAIN CO., 21 Less Bldg. Chicago.

MOTHERS

PEN-INE CURES every case of Kidney and Bladder Weakness of children or adults. Trial free.

Missouri Remedy Co., Dept. 416, St. Louis, Mo.

LUCKY

SEALS AND TALISMANS. Personalizing talismans for you or your loved ones. Send name and address. SEALS BOOK CO. 515 N. PENNSYLVANIA.

WE PAY \$20 A WEEK AND EXPENSES to men with rigs to introduce our Poultry Compound. Send stp. JAVELLE MFG. CO., Dept. 17, PARSONS, KANSAS.

10,000 Are Very Anxious to GET MARRIED with pictures and addresses FREE. The PILOT, 256 Monticello Ave., CHICAGO, Dept. 6.

OPIUM

or Morphine Habit Cured at Home. Trial Free. No Pain. Comp'd Oxygen As'n, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

MARRIAGE PAPER.

Best Published—FREE. K. J. GUNNELS, Toledo, Ohio.

C. S. A. MONEY

Circulars free. Address P. E. Cheney, Box 27, Mutual, Ohio.

LADIES!

For any remedy you need, address PARIS CHEMICAL CO., Milwaukee, Wis. Trial free.

Matrimonial

Directory sent free. Pay when married. SELECT CLUB, Dept. 2, Tekonsha, Mich.

"Man Wanted"

to sell Teas and Coffees. Commission or Salary. W. I. Co., Box 1996, New York.

WRITERS WANTED

ART INSTITUTE, Lima, Ohio.

Marriage

PAPER FREE, many very rich. EASTERN AGENCY 54 Bridgeport, Ct.

A Bottle of "5-DROPS" Free.

No other remedy ever introduced has become so famous in such a short time as Swanson's "5-DROPS." It is a purely vegetable and herbal preparation which every family should keep on hand ready for use in case of sickness.

"5-DROPS" is the only sure cure for RHEUMATISM, SCIATICA, LUMBAGO, KIDNEY TROUBLES, NEURALGIA and similar troubles.

So positive are the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co. of the curative powers of this remedy, they will send postpaid a trial bottle of "5-DROPS" absolutely free to any of our readers who will cut out the coupon which appears in their advertisement in this issue and send it to them with their name and address. We advise our readers to take advantage of this liberal offer.

A Game of Confidence.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY HENRY DOBBINS.

Copyright, 1902, by W. H. Gannett, Publisher.

WHEN the police court reporter of the great city newspaper slipped around into the cell room of the police station he did it with the hope that he might find something to write about for his readers the next morning. The prospect of success was not good, however, for the few inmates were sleeping oblivious of their surroundings on the hard benches, with one exception. This exception was a sharp-eyed man evidently not long a prisoner and waiting for some friend to come to his rescue with bail. He was peering through the bars in an eager, curious kind of a way.

"Ah," said the reporter in the same tone he would have used if he had found a new dollar in the street, "how are you? What are you doing in here?"

"I'm waiting to be bailed out," he replied.

The prisoner eyed him as if he were some one trying to catch him napping.

"I beg your pardon," said the reporter with mock apologies. "I didn't know whether you were in for something or merely because you only looked like you ought to be."

The prisoner began to laugh so immoderately that the prisoners near him trying to sleep on their hard beds were disturbed and rose on their elbows to swear at the laughter.

"By jove," he went on after a minute, "that must be it. I wouldn't be surprised if I look it. If I do or do not, it cost me my half of over ten thousand dollars, worth fully a hundred cents on the dollar and no discount. Take a seat on the floor or hang on to the loopholes of the cell," he added as he sat down on his bench.

"You see I can't very well invite you to come in and sit here with me, but I'll tell you how it was. You're a reporter, of course."

The reporter admitted the mild impeachment.

"You can't help being what you are any more than I can help being what I am and you have my sincerest sympathy. But that's all right. However, I digress," he laughed. "About four months ago, my accomplice in crime, as you fashionable people would say, and me heard of an innocent dove that was going to light in Philadelphia with about eleven thousand dollars for which he proposed to scratch around and find a place where he could soak it away and get the Dutchman's one per cent. I guess we must have heard of him from those angels, who are ever guarding people of our stripe, for he was keeping his secret leader than Pharaoh's host, and was going to carry his wad down to Philamanklink and having put it where it would do the most good, was going to slip back to his home on the Juniat' and live on both sides of Easy street if he wanted to."

"We were on, however, and when he struck the train one of us was there, too, and sometime later I come aboard in my pleasant off-hand manner, as you observe, and before we got to Philadelphia, we had that old sucker down finer than silk and not a soul onto us. He had his wad in a little carpet bag that he stuck tighter to than a thirsty man to a straw with a slug at the end of it, and though we knew just what to do, we didn't do it because the old fellow was wary and had a lot of suspicion of everybody except us. We got in about five o'clock and went with him to the hotel that advertised in his county paper and he knew about, and we blew a good supper into him and thought that would kind of thaw him out and loosen his grip on his carpet bag. We got him to take a small nip as an appetizer, but it wasn't big enough to floor a baby and we had to trust to Providence from that time on. After supper, we wanted him to take a little walk with us and may be drop in and see some fine dancing we told him about, but he said he was tired and reckoned he'd get a room and go to bed. We felt the cold chills run down our backs at this fool notion, but we never let on, and told him how early it was and he'd better take a walk first as the noise would disturb him if he went to bed so early. As if, as if there ever was enough noise in dear old Philly to keep anybody awake."

"Well, just as we had concluded that we had lost him for the day, at least, he said if we would wait while he went to his room and smoothed himself up a bit he would come back and take a little walk with us as he thought he could roll his little carpet bag up and it wouldn't make much show in the night and he didn't want to leave it as it had his wife's photo in it and some other things. The guileless old gillie! As if we weren't crazy to get his wife's photo. When he came back we found out that one reason he wanted to get to his room was to get into his bag and take out a dollar or two extra, for he flashed up a dollar bill as we started. We got off in fine style with me in the lead, the old man second and my partner neck and neck with the old man. After that I don't know what happened, but by nine o'clock the old man was asleep on a table in a saloon and my partner and me was skipping for a train with that precious carpet bag and feeling good because our dear old friend was honestly jagged and we didn't have to dope him or do him any violence."

"As you know, Philadelphia is a mighty nice place for prayer meetings and matters of that kind, so my partner and me lit out for the Pennsylvania depot and grabbed the first train we could, holding on to the carpet bag which we had wrapped up in a newspaper. We emptied it as soon as we got a chance and stuck the money which was done up in bundles in our pockets. If his wife's photo was there we didn't see it, but we did see some packages of the rankest smelling stuff I ever stuck nose to, that I suppose he put in to preserve the money with. I know it made us sick and sickened half the people in the car but we didn't dare give ourselves away by examining the bundles, and we couldn't throw the precious money out of the window. We just had to stick to it and keep mum till we got to Jersey City where we dropped off the train before it had stopped, and slipped around to a quiet place where we could divide our find and scatter for safety. The plan we had laid out was all right, but when it came to the division part of it would not work at all. My partner was agreeable and so was I, but I'll be roasted if there was anything for us to divide. The foxy old hayseed had worked us instead of us working him, and he not only got his supper and a whole lot of drinks at our expense, but he had insulted us besides, for the bundles that we thought had money in them, had brown paper that had been soaked

in the worst smelling stuff I ever stuck my nose to, and in one of them was a note in big red letters which said: 'When you fish for hayseed get the right kind of bait.' We just looked at each other, and we was that sore if we had that old shark and deceiver there we would have done him up to the Queen's taste, and his bones never would have fertilized the soil of Pennsylvania. See?"

"What became of him and his real money?" inquired the reporter, who saw quite clearly.

"How do I know?" laughed the prisoner.

"When a man in my business loses a good thing he don't usually go round trying to discover who has found it, does he?"

A CURE FOR ASTHMA.

Asthma sufferers need no longer leave home and business in order to be cured. Nature has produced a vegetable remedy that will permanently cure Asthma and all diseases of the lungs and bronchial tubes. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases (with a record of 90 per cent. permanently cured), and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all sufferers from Asthma, Consumption, Catarrh, Bronchitis and nervous diseases, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail. Address with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noyes, 347 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

Underground Treasure Book showing how to find all kinds of metals—gold, silver; also dip-needle compass; catalog 2c. E. G. Stauffer, Harrisburg, Pa.

Mothers

Your children cured of incontinence of urine. Sample Free. Dr. F. E. May, Box 304, Bloomington, Ill.

\$22 A WEEK and all expenses for men with first to introduce poultry compound. Straight salary. IMPERIAL BPO. CO., Dept. 58, FARMERS, ILL.

DETECTIVE Shrewd, reliable man wanted in every locality. Act under orders. No experience needed. American Detective Ass'n, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Vanishing Trick Coin Free

with E. X. Ray. Can apparently see anything at any distance through cloth, metal, wood, etc. Price 35c., stamps or silver. C. T. X-Ray Co., Phila.

I Print My Own Cards

Circulars, Newspaper, Press \$5. Larger size \$18. Money saved. Big profits printing for others. Type-setting easy, rules sent. Write for catalog, presses, type, paper, &c., to factory. The Press Co., Meriden, Conn.

FREE HANDSOME GOLD WATCH FREE.

We give FREE a guaranteed American movement watch. 24K gold plated case, elegant dial, dust proof, patent escapement, expansion balance. Warranted to keep correct time. Just the watch for those who need an exact timekeeper. Our watch is given FREE as a premium to any man or woman, boy or girl for selling 12 boxes of our Flavoring Powders at 25 ct. each. Send your name and address and we will send you the Flavoring Powders by express prepaid. We deliver them to you FREE. IT COSTS YOU NOTHING. When you sell the twelve boxes, send us the \$3.00 and on the same day we receive the money we will send you the handsome GOLD Plated watch. We trust you and will take back all Flavors you cannot sell. Satisfaction guaranteed. WE ARE GIVING AWAY 9,000 handsome gold plated watches to advertise our business and quickly introduce our NON-ALCOHOLIC FLAVORING POWDERS which are far superior to the liquid extracts for flavoring cakes, puddings, ice cream, etc. Used by the leading caterers, hotels and restaurants. Every housekeeper wants them. They are the finest Flavors made for all cooking purposes. Address WALTERS MFG. CO., 21 CABLE BUILDING, NEW YORK.

FREE

HANDSOME GOLD WATCH FREE.

We give FREE a guaranteed American movement watch. 24K gold plated case, elegant dial, dust proof, patent escapement, expansion balance. Warranted to keep correct time. Just the watch for those who need an exact timekeeper. Our watch is given FREE as a premium to any man or woman, boy or girl for selling 12 boxes of our Flavoring Powders at 25 ct. each. Send your name and address and we will send you the Flavoring Powders by express prepaid. We deliver them to you FREE. IT COSTS YOU NOTHING. When you sell the twelve boxes, send us the \$3.00 and on the same day we receive the money we will send you the handsome GOLD Plated watch. We trust you and will take back all Flavors you cannot sell. Satisfaction guaranteed. WE ARE GIVING AWAY 9,000 handsome gold plated watches to advertise our business and quickly introduce our NON-ALCOHOLIC FLAVORING POWDERS which are far superior to the liquid extracts for flavoring cakes, puddings, ice cream, etc. Used by the leading caterers, hotels and restaurants. Every housekeeper wants them. They are the finest Flavors made for all cooking purposes. Address WALTERS MFG. CO., 21 CABLE BUILDING, NEW YORK.

CURES WEAK MEN FREE

Send Name and Address To-day---You Can Have It Free and Be Strong and Vigorous for Life.

INSURES LOVE AND A HAPPY HOME.



HEALTH, STRENGTH AND VICOR FOR MEN.

How any man may quickly cure himself after years of suffering from sexual weakness, lost vitality, night losses, varicocele, atrophy, etc. Simply send your name and address to Dr. Knapp Medical Co., 264 Hull Bldg., Detroit, Mich., and they will gladly send the free receipt with full directions so that any man may easily cure himself at home. This is certainly a most generous offer, and the following extracts taken from their daily mail, show what men think of the generosity.

"Dear Sirs:—Your method worked beautifully. Results were exactly what I needed. Strength and vigor have completely returned."

"Dear Sirs:—Yours was received and I had no trouble in making use of the receipt as directed, and can truthfully say it is a boon to weak men. I am greatly improved in strength and vigor."

All correspondence is strictly confidential, mailed in plain, sealed envelope. The receipt is free for the asking and they want every man to have it

A woman's discovery FREE

By many years of constant study and experiments I have perfected a simple, harmless vegetable remedy that will quickly cure all female diseases, as well as the piles. It is nature's own remedy and will not only relieve, but will absolutely, thoroughly and permanently cure the ailments peculiar to women, such as falling of the womb, leucorrhea (whites), displacements, ulceration, granulation, painful or scanty periods, irregular menstruation and all the pelvic ills of women. It positively cures rectal ulcers, piles, hemorrhoids, tumors, itching, blind or bleeding piles in either sex. It cures promptly, privately and permanently without the repugnant methods in general use by physicians. You can escape embarrassing examinations, avoid humiliating exposures, cheat the surgeon's knife out of baptism in your blood.

The treatment is so simple, rapid and effectual that it will not interfere with your work or occupation. Thousands and thousands of letters are being received from grateful persons from all parts of the world who have been cured by the use of this remedy. The trial package is free, send for it—send to-day. I know that a fair trial of it will result in your becoming its enthusiastic advocate and friend. With it I will send literature of interest and value. Do not neglect this opportunity to get cured yourself and be in a position to advise ailing friends. Consider well the above offer and act upon it at once. It is made in the sincere hope of aiding you and spreading the knowledge of a beneficent boon to sufferers. Earnestly, hopefully, faithfully, Mrs. CORA B. MILLER, 1 Comstock Bldg., Kokomo, Ind.

RUPTURED

Send correct measure, address, express of the and all names of ruptured you know and will send you our new invented self supporting truss FREE and cure your rupture in 3 months. PERMANENT DRUG CO., 126, Lee's Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

A BEAU

tiful neck, face and arms. Don't pay 50c. but send 10c. for sealed package to make your skin soft and white and cure pimples, freckles, moth, black head, wrinkles, &c. A perfect skin and food powder combined. Warranted absolutely pure. TOILET COMPOUND CO. Box 1927, Boston Mass.

\$4.40 BUYS THIS HANDSOME BIG STOVE.

Burns Coal or Wood. No better heater made. Beautifully finished, handsomely nickel trimmed.

98 CENTS TO \$3.85 for the best line of SHEET STEEL AIR TIGHT HEATERS MADE.

\$10.90 buys one of the handsomest and best hard coal self feeding base burners made.

OUR BIG LINE OF HEATING STOVES and cast iron and steel cook stoves and ranges are made in our own foundry, and sold direct to the users at the actual cost of iron and labor with only our one small profit added.

For the most liberal pay after received STOVE OFFER ever made, and the lowest prices ever known, write for our FREE SPECIAL STOVE CATALOGUE.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., CHICAGO.

COMFORT'S 15th VOLUME ANNOUNCEMENT!

With this issue COMFORT completes its fourteenth volume. A glance over our back files shows that each volume has shown a marked improvement over the last. With the next issue of COMFORT we shall enter upon our fifteenth volume, and we promise that this volume shall not only be better than the one now close: but that it shall be better than all the other fourteen put together. We have arranged a programme of serial stories, short stories and special articles (all illustrated from photographs) which with our regular departments will not be excelled by any magazine in the country costing four times the subscription price of COMFORT. In fact we cannot give on this page our full programme, but we will enumerate below some of the stories and special articles which will open the new volume.

Love Stories! Stories of Mystery!! Stories of Adventure!!!

Under Love's Spell, Or Who Killed Kathleen O'Neal.

By May Agnes Fleming.

This is one of the most interesting stories we have ever read. It commences in the October number of COMFORT, and we are certain that those who once commence to read it will scarcely have patience to wait until the next month's instalment appears. It is a story of love, murder and intrigue.

A Girl's Vengeance; Or, The Crime at Hazel Hall.

By Etta W. Pierce.

A story of unusual merit and written in the author's most fascinating and highly dramatic style. Read the crime committed, "All for Love," by the Heroine. A story that will interest all from the opening chapter to the last. We predict that this will be one of the most successful stories ever published by COMFORT.

Jack Harkaway Out West Among the Indians.

By Bracebridge Hemyng.

This is the first of a series of stories which we shall publish by one of the best and most successful writers for boys. It commences in the October number of COMFORT. This story carries the reader out into the boundless prairies and tells of the adventure of the hero among the Red Skins.

Successful Paul, Or the Fortunes of a Young Street Merchant.

By Horatio Alger, Jr.

"Adrift in New York" which was published in our columns early in the year was so well received by our readers that we have decided to publish further stories from the pen of the same author. Those who followed the adventure of "Tom and Florence" will be equally interested in the fortunes of "Successful Paul."

Some Special Articles Which Will Appear in Early Numbers.

THE MACHINERY OF CONGRESS.

BY WALDON FAWCETT.

This is a most interesting article by a well known magazine writer. Mr. Fawcett compares the United States Senate and the House of Representatives to small rival towns. Each has a bank, a post office, fire and police departments, electric lighting systems, restaurants, barber shops, libraries and other necessities of a modern community. The article gives an inside account of the doings of Congress and contains much that will be new to our readers. The article is illustrated from photographs.

UNCLE SAM'S SEED DISTRIBUTION.

By Our Washington Correspondent.

Almost all rural residents in the United States are deeply interested in the great free distribution of flower and vegetable seeds made each year from Washington under the direction of the United States Department of Agriculture. Only those, however, who have visited the Department in Washington appreciate the vastness of this enterprise. This article is illustrated by photographs showing the ingenious machines each of which fill and seal seventy envelopes a minute.

Forestry as a Profession for Young Men.

BY GIFFORD PINCHOT.

A new career open to American youth is that of forestry. The Department of Agriculture at Washington has organized a Bureau of Forestry, and one of the greatest difficulties it has to contend with is the scarcity of men suitably trained to fill the position. Mr. Pinchot, who has written this article especially for COMFORT, is the greatest authority on forestry in this country. When only twenty-seven years old he laid out Vanderbilt's famous park at Biltmore.

Opportunities in Cuba for the American Farmer.

BY ALBERT G. ROBINSON.

Mr. Robinson is one of the few Americans who know Cuba almost as well as their native land. He has visited Cuba when the country was prosperous and when it was poor. In this article he shows the opportunities for the American farmer in a land where there are no long cold winters, where the farmer needs no woodpile, and where there are no paths to shovel on cold winter mornings and no milking to be done with half frozen fingers.

OUR USUAL DEPARTMENTS AND SOME NEW ONES.

Domestic and Fancy Cooking
Among the Flowers
Our Home Workers

What Women Wear
Talks with Girls
Manners and Looks

The Home Finder
The Family Doctor
The Home Lawyer

Elocutionists Column
Astrology Column
✿ ✿ ✿ ✿

SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER.

We will send "COMFORT" from now to the end of 1903, and two Complete Novels for 25 cents.

The programme outlined above conveys but a slight idea of what we intend to offer our readers during the next few months. We cannot at this time give in detail all the plans we have for improving COMFORT, and all that we can now say is that we intend that each month's paper shall be better than the last. To those who are not now subscribers or whose subscriptions may be expiring we make the following offer. Fill up the coupon annexed and send it in to us with twenty-five cents and we will mail you COMFORT from now to the end of 1903 and we will also mail you two complete novels, namely: "Adrift in New York, or Tom and Florence Braving the World," by Horatio Alger, Jr., and "Above Suspicion, or The Price She Paid," by Charlotte M. Brame. Do not wait to avail yourself of this offer. Subscribe now and get COMFORT for fourteen months and two complete novels all for the regular year's subscription price of 25 cents.

Fill Up This Coupon and Send It in To-day.

Publishers COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

I enclose 25 cents for which please send me COMFORT to the end of the year 1903

Name _____

Town _____

Comfort's 15th Anniversary Premium Offers!

A Sample Letter Endorsing Our Premiums.

**We
Guarantee
Every
Article
to be
as
Represented.**

COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

My premiums arrived here in due time and now hasten to send my thanks to you for them. I was surprised and delighted when I saw the Bible. It is even nicer than represented to be. The clock is a genuine beauty and every household should have one. I would like to know if you have a striking clock to be given as a premium and if so for how many subscribers, and remain, until hearing from you again,

Yours obediently,
ALMA ADAMS,
130 Hewett Street,
Santa Rosa, Calif.

**Our
Premiums
Represent
the
Highest
Possible
Value.**

Great Rewards for Little Work.

Every boy and girl can easily earn any of the articles on this and the following page by securing a few subscriptions right in their neighborhood. To

those who have a feeling of dislike for canvassing yet would like to possess one of our premiums we suggest the following plan: Call on your neighbors and acquaintances and leave with them a copy of COMFORT for examination. Make a second call in a day or two for the order and the copy of COMFORT you left with them. You will find that in this way no talking or persuasion is necessary and you will get the order. We are spending a great deal of money (and this next year we shall spend more than ever) to make every month's issue of COMFORT attractive and interesting to each and every member of the family. We gladly furnish free of all cost any quantity of advertising matter that will be of assistance to those who desire to work for us and we will gladly send a canvassing equipment to all who apply in good faith for same.

Let us send you a supply of COMFORTS and go to work. We will pay you a cash commission for each yearly subscriber if you do not care for any of the premiums. If you want work write

Circulation Department, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Great Webster Dictionary. Weighs Eight Pounds. Contains 1708 Pages. Over 135,000 Words.

An American Dictionary of the English Language with the following valuable features not found in any other dictionary:

CENSUS STATISTICS

NEW DISCOVERIES

SYNONYMS

**PRONOUNCING VOCABULARY
OF SCRIPTURE NAMES**

FAMILIAR ALLUSIONS

FOREIGN PHRASES

BIOGRAPHY

**MYTHOLOGY MUSICAL TERMS
Modern GEOGRAPHICAL Names**

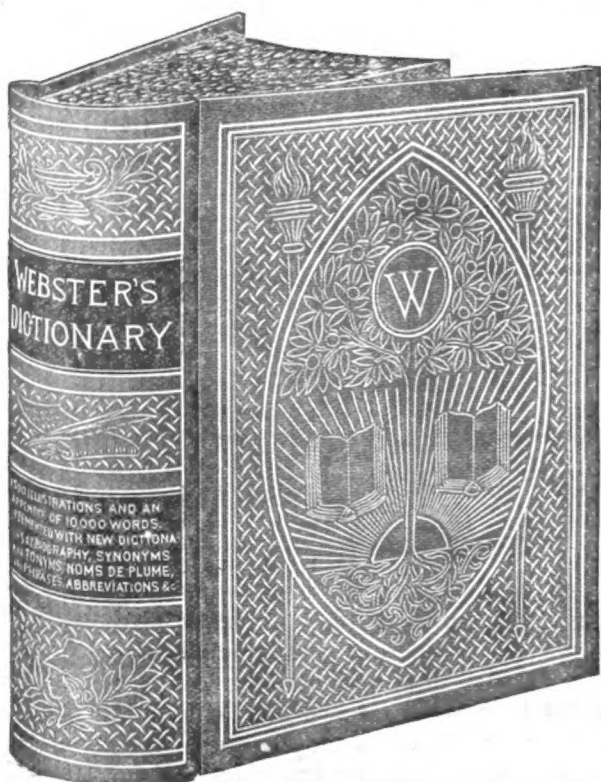
DICTIONARY of ABBREVIATIONS

GREEK AND LATIN

PROPER NAMES

**HEROES AND HEROINES OF
PROSE AND POETRY**

English Grammar—How to write, spell and pronounce correctly the words of the English Language. An appendix of 10,000 difficult words. Printed on a good grade of clear white paper. Full library dark tan sheep binding. Patent thumb Index.



The Dictionary is not a cheap book, but a beautifully printed edition on fine white paper, with thousands of valuable additions of great aid to all students, is substantially bound so it will stand the wear and tear of a life time; hundreds of illustrations including a portrait of Noah Webster.

Four Beautiful Colored Plates showing, in their actual colors, the flags of various nations, U. S. Naval Flags, Pilot Signals of various nations. Yacht Club signals, and shoulder straps for officers of the U. S. Army.

If You Could But See This Book: We would like to have every reader of COMFORT personally see and examine this grand Dictionary. A number of course are already supplied with a good dictionary, but to assist those of our readers who may be in need of such a complete dictionary we have made very favorable arrangements with the publishers to distribute a certain number among our subscription workers as premiums.

Scholars should have a good dictionary at home to assist them with their studies. In every household they are essential, in Schools, Factories, Offices, anywhere in fact, as we are constantly seeing words in the daily press that we are unfamiliar with and a good reliable dictionary right at hand would be found well worth its cost many times in a year.

Scholars and teachers can do no better than to make up a club of subscribers among themselves and secure a copy of this Big Dictionary for the school room and have at hand at all times a reliable source for general information as well as a complete pronouncing and spelling dictionary.

This Dictionary treats exhaustively on the most important subjects of recent interest. The Wars in China, Transvaal, Philippines, and Cuba, etc. Authentic knowledge of these subjects is most essential to every one watching the world's progress, and this department has been treated by master hands and is full of valuable, forcible facts.

The Complete Webster Dictionary, is a grand, big book, 10 3-4 inches in height, 12 inches in width, and over 4 inches thick. Contains over 1700 pages, gives the spelling, pronunciation, abbreviations and defines 135,000 words and is authority the world over.

Club Offer. For a club of only 12 yearly 25c. subscribers to COMFORT we will send by express prepaid, one complete copy of this work, weighing over eight pounds. Let us supply you with specimen copies of COMFORT, and begin your canvass NOW.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

GREAT BOOK OFFER.



Marie Corelli, Charlotte Bronte, Mary J. Holmes, Charles M. Sheldon, Charlotte M. Braeme, Oliver Optic.

The works of the popular authors above mentioned also a large number of other popular authors' best efforts are included in our new list of gift books. From an assortment of over 400 titles we have selected the most popular and desirable works of these Famous American and European Authors.

Each book is printed on good quality paper, from large clear type, is 7 1/2 inches long, 5 wide and vary in thickness, all one inch or more, and weigh about one pound each. Cloth Bindings are genuine Linen Cloth of several attractive and striking colors, especially made for this series. Each cover has an ornamental design as shown in illustration and the titles are all done in genuine gold and two-colored inks. Each cover design is by some well-known artist and the high quality of this alone makes the outer appearance of each book at once attractive as it gives the books a rich appearance for shelving or when lying on the table. Taken all in all this series of books are an excellent edition and we are pleased to have the opportunity to place them before you at this particular season of the year and at such liberal terms.

USE NUMBERS NOT NAMES. When ordering kindly use numbers to aid in promptly handling orders at this end.

Marie Corelli.

1. Ardath.
2. Romance of Two Worlds.
3. Thelma.
4. Vendetta.

Charles M. Sheldon.

20. In His Steps.
21. Black Rock.
22. Charlotte M. Braeme.
23. Dora Thorne.
24. Thrown on the World.
25. First Violin.
26. Frances Ridley Havergal.
27. Morning Thoughts.
28. Oliver Optic.
29. Now or Never.
30. Try Again.
31. Poor and Proud.

T. S. Arthur.

23. Ten Nights in a Bar Room.
24. G. A. Henty.
25. The author of favorite juvenile books.
26. Among Malay Pirates.
27. In Times of Peril.
28. With Lee in Virginia.
29. Elizabeth Wetherell.
30. Queechy.
31. Wide World.
32. Daniel Defoe.
33. Robinson Crusoe.
34. Harriet Beecher Stowe.
35. Uncle Tom's Cabin.

9. Mary J. Holmes.
10. Dora Deane.
11. Tempest and Sunshine.
12. English Orphans.
13. Homestead on the Hillsides.
14. Lena Rivers.
15. Meadow Brook.
16. Maggie Miller.
17. Mrs. Henry Wood.
18. East Lynne.
19. Charlotte Bronte.
20. Jane Eyre.
21. Rosa N. Carey.
22. Aunt Diana.
23. Averill.

Special Subscription Offer. Renew your subscription now sending 25c. for same and one new subscriber as paid in advance for one year, with 25c. sending an additional 5c. for part postage and packing, 58c. in all, and we send the magazine as above and to you we will send any two books you may select from the list. Send three new subscriptions at 25c. each for one year in connection with your renewal and 8c. additional for part postage and packing, 83c. in all, and you may have the choice of three books. For a club of four subscribers to date until January, 1903, at 25c. each, we will give you three books, paying all charges for express or postage. For a club of eight subscriptions at 25c. each we will send any seven books you may select. **REMEMBER.** We send our magazine a whole year, to the addresses you furnish and to you we send the books you select by mail or express at our expense and fully guarantee them to be in every respect as represented. Just think what an opportunity for Book Clubs.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

The Victoria Stamping Outfit.

More Artistic Patterns for the Money than were ever Dreamed of.

It has been our special pleasure to select designs for this collection for our artistic friends. Illustration A shows a floral and ribbon design which can be used for almost anything the dainty worker has use for. The flowers are best executed in Kensington stitch, the ribbon may be either simple outline, outline filled in with feather, herring-bone or cat stitch, or, what is still more effective, the long and short stitch. Illustration B is a dainty little design for monograms or what-nots.

Note the sizes of the designs named below and the number of sheets of patterns in this outfit.

- 1 Very Handsome Centerpiece of Carnations, 17x17 inches.
- 1 Pretty Corner-piece of Pansies and Leaves, 6x6 inches.
- 1 Design of Strawberries and Leaves for Dolly, 5 1/2 x 6 1/2.
- 1 Design for Scarf Corner, 6 1/2 x 10.
- 1 Clover Design for Dolly.
- 1 Design for Baby's Bib, Rosebuds and word Baby, 4x4.
- 1 Design for Souvenir Case with Motto, 5 1/2 x 6.
- 1 Design for Shoe Bag, 5x10.
- 1 Design for Shaving Bag with Motto, 6x6.
- 4 Fruit Designs for Fruit Plate Dishes, 3 1/2 x 3 1/2.
- 1 Design for Carving Cloth, 11 1/2 x 15 1/2.
- 1 Design for Tumbler Dolly, 4x4.
- 1 Pretty Corner Design for Tea-cloth, Jewel Work, 9x9.
- 1 Design for Table Dolly, 8x8.
- 1 Design for Water Bottle Dolly, 6x6.
- 4 Designs for Butter Plate Dishes, 3 1/2 x 3 1/2.
- 1 Cut Work Dolly Design, 5x5.
- 1 Very Pretty Design for Corner, Battenberg Work, 7x7.
- 1 Design for Border with Corner, 5x15.
- 1 Floral Corner Geranium, 6 1/2 x 6 1/2.
- 1 Design Water Lily for Dolly.
- 1 Floral Wreath for Monogram or Handkerchief Case, 5x5.
- 1 Design for Tray Cloth, 7x15.
- 1 Design for Centerpiece, Maidenhair Ferns, 9 1/2 x 9 1/2.
- 1 Rosebud Dolly, 7 1/2 x 7 1/2.
- 1 Alphabet for Towels or Table Linen, 1 1/4 inches high.
- 1 Design Centerpiece, Pansies, 10x10.
- 1 Pansy Dolly, 6 1/2 x 6 1/2.
- 1 Alphabet for Handkerchiefs or Fine Linen, 1 inch high.
- 1 Border for Flannel Work, 3 1/2 inches wide, and 29 other designs for embroidery of every description too numerous to mention here.

The patterns are made of linen bond paper, and consist of 7 sheets of patterns, each sheet 17x22 inches in size. One double sheet 22x24 with extra large designs.

With each outfit we send full instructions for doing the stamping, and one piece of EUREKA COMPOUND, enabling anyone to do permanent stamping, instantly, without heat or trouble. Your money back if you want it, but no one ever does.

AN OFFER TO EVERY LADY. If you will send us 25 cents and the name of a subscriber to our charming monthly, a copy will be sent the subscriber each month for a year and the Stamping Outfit to you as a free reward.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Make Your Selections for Christmas Gifts from These Pages.

Comfort's Annual Premium Announcement!

A LADIES' WRIST BAG.

From Paris, where all our clever styles are first produced, comes this new wrist bag and they are found more serviceable, comfortable and convenient to carry than any other style.



They can be slipped up on to the arm near the elbow if you wish to use your hand for any purpose. The chain is sufficiently long for use with heavy winter outer garments. These bags are made by the largest leather goods house in the United States and are thoroughly well made, stitched throughout with silk and are made on a strong heavy nickel-plated frame with ball clasp and nickel chain. Two shades of leather, brown and black. Never mind if you have a chateleine bag, they have had their day. The new Wrist Bag is more stylish and convenient and as we do not ask for any of your money you should have one the first thing by soliciting only four new yearly 25c. subscribers to COMFORT. Upon receipt of the money, \$1.00, and subscriptions, we will send the bag all charges paid.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

KICK! KICK! GET INTO THE GAME!



Football playing leads the van for real live sport, we have just secured a thousand of the very best make, genuine large size rubber canvas Foot Balls, they are twenty-seven inches in circumference and made in the strongest and most thorough manner. Men, boys and everybody enjoy the excitement of Foot Ball and now all can enter into the sport. It is the most exhilarating amusement and healthful pastime a-going.

Our charming monthly COMFORT has always some interesting accounts of all the leading sports in the world and many spicy, lively, college yarns that please young men and foot ball players especially. You will find it is very easy to get subscribers as COMFORT is the popular magazine everywhere at the proper price per year. Read this.

SPECIAL OFFER. If you will send us only 3 new subscribers to our magazine we will enter the subscriptions thus sent at once, mailing copies immediately and send you free of any further cost a Foot Ball for the favor. Or you may send the address of one person for a year's subscription and 25c. for same with 50c. additional for Foot Ball and same will be sent free. If you accept this offer the full amount 82c. must be sent. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

A CUTE SWISS CLOCK.



Made of Swiss Woods. Hand Carved. Imported Exclusively for Us.

Real Swiss Style, with exposed pendulum and weight. The movements in these clocks are made by hand of solid brass by old Swiss Clock makers, the finest in the world. There is nothing to get out of order, there are no springs, everything is operated by the weights bearing tension on the two wheels controlling the hands. The characters in Roman style, also hands, are hand made of Ivory, on dark wood face, the effect is very beautiful. This weight is solid metal in the shape of a handsome pine cone and as it hangs on the six feet long chain next to the wall gradually dropping, dropping towards the floor, as time escapes, it is indeed a pleasure to watch.

We are constantly improving our monthly and at its present low subscription price it is the best bargain in the world. A whole year's subscription to COMFORT only 25c. Insuring the regular visit each month, for a whole year bringing pleasure, sunshine and knowledge into the whole household.

SPECIAL. For a limited time we shall give these clocks away on the following liberal plan: If you will send us a club of only 5 special trial subscriptions to our magazine at 25c. each per year we will send you one of these Swiss Clocks as a free present and send our magazine one year to each subscriber. Clock will be carefully packed and sent by mail or express at our expense and is a magnificent reward for a slight effort. Your money back if not as represented.

COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

A TURTLE TAPE MEASURE.

Can you imagine anything more useful than a tape measure for a thousand and one purposes connected with your sewing, crocheting, knitting or fancy work? Ordinary tape measures are more of inconvenience than an assistance because you have to be careful and not get them into a snarl.



Now this little Sterling Silver Green Turtle we picture here contains a thirty-six inch linen measure that is wound by a strong spring so that when not in use it coils up inside ready to be pulled out again without thought or trouble. You can use the tape and drop the turtle and the spring will automatically wind it up before it can fall but a few inches. The Turtle has a Sterling Silver back with this inscription in raised letters: "Other turtles have four feet, I have seven." The balance including the legs and head are made of enameled celluloid finished in shape and color to represent a live turtle. All our lady readers are interested in these bright little innovations that add to the pleasure of needlework and it is our good luck to have obtained a limited quantity of these Turtle Tape Measures to offer as a gift to any of our lady readers. We send the Turtle carefully packed at our expense upon receipt of two new yearly subscribers to COMFORT at 25c. each. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

STOP THAT WASTE.

A Writing Tablet without End.

A Labor and Money Saver.

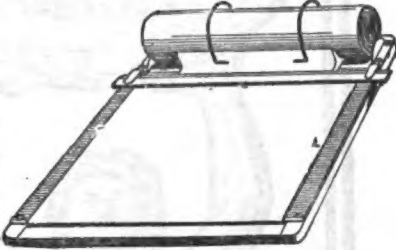
For Scholars, Business Men, Bankers, in fact every human being no matter what he or she is doing has some use for a writing table. COMFORT offers this article on its merits, and they are so many that you will at once appreciate its value. It is useful in so many ways that but a few will be mentioned, others will suggest themselves. **THE DANGEROUS SLATE.** So many instances of fatal results from the use of slates and slate pencils that the use of the old-fashioned slate has been forbidden in a great many States and in other States they have been abolished from the schools. Ordinary tablets of writing paper suitable for school work are an endless expense to the parent of one or more scholars, but to assist in education they must be provided, for where is the parent who will have an ignorant child when in these days of plenty most every necessity to assist in learning can be secured reasonably?

EDUCATE AND SAVE. Here's where we hope to appeal to our readers. A COMFORT Writing Tablet like our illustration containing one roll of paper eight inches long and two inches in diameter is sufficient for a term of school. (Generally two rolls are sufficient for one year as the tablet does not allow waste and only the required amount of paper is used.) The tablet itself is absolutely indestructible, will go through a school boy row and come out on top sound and whole.

EARN AND OWN FOR YOURSELF. The bright boy or girl don't live who has not got the "get up and get" to secure enough subscribers to COMFORT before school to earn one of these "COMFORT" Writing Tablets, and where is the scholar who would not prefer to have one of these New Idea Tablets, earned by their own hands, than an ordinary block of paper bought at the store.

But scholars are not the only ones among our readers needing this useful and economical tablet. Think of having it near a telephone, in the kitchen for grocery memorandum, around factories, lumber mills and railroads. Its usefulness and great convenience suggest its use to all of us. Where they are in use they are very popular. We want you to have one and to have it NOW. Our illustration gives some idea of its appearance and it is so very simple that a child five years old can use it as well as older persons. The tablets are made of hard wood and the metal parts are nickel-plated. We send each tablet well packed in a box, prepaying all expense for express or postage through to your home under the following introductory offer:

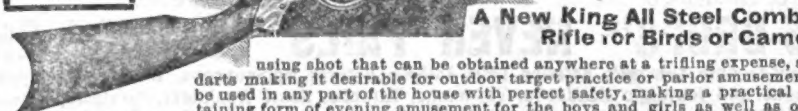
Club Offer. For a club of only four yearly subscribers to COMFORT at 25c. each we send one complete tablet with one roll of paper, complete ready to use. For five subscriptions at same rate we will send tablet and two rolls of paper. A year's supply of paper and the tablet will last forever. We will furnish additional rolls as you require them. One roll for one new yearly subscriber to COMFORT.



Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

PNEUMATIC RAPID-FIRE RIFLE.

FREE FOR A CLUB OF FOUR.



A New King All Steel Combination Rifle for Birds or Game

using shot that can be obtained anywhere at a trifling expense, also shoots darts making it desirable for outdoor target practice or parlor amusement or it can be used in any part of the house with perfect safety, making a practical and entertaining form of evening amusement for the boys and girls as well as older folks. The possession of one of our accurate shooting air rifles makes a boy manly and affords him an excellent means of success in competing with his chums for marksmanship honors as well as teaching him the use of a rifle. Remember this is a combination gun, so your boy should have one be he old or young. If he is sick in the house he can shoot darts and keep out of mischief or go into the woods for game and get robust and healthy besides.

SPECIAL. Send at once for sample copies of our big monthly and subscription blanks and canvass among the neighbors. For a club of four yearly subscribers at the popular price of 25c. each, \$1.00 in all, we will send one of these King Pneumatic Rifles as a present, all charges paid, guaranteeing absolute satisfaction.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

THE "LIGHTNING" CAN OPENER



HOW TO GET ONE. We are anxious to have our magazine COMFORT go into a lot of new homes that people unfamiliar will learn how much of a Comfort its monthly visit will be to them. As an introductory price we will send it one year for 25c. Send us only one yearly subscriber to COMFORT and we will reward you with a Lightning Can Opener for so doing.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

The Magic Fortune Teller

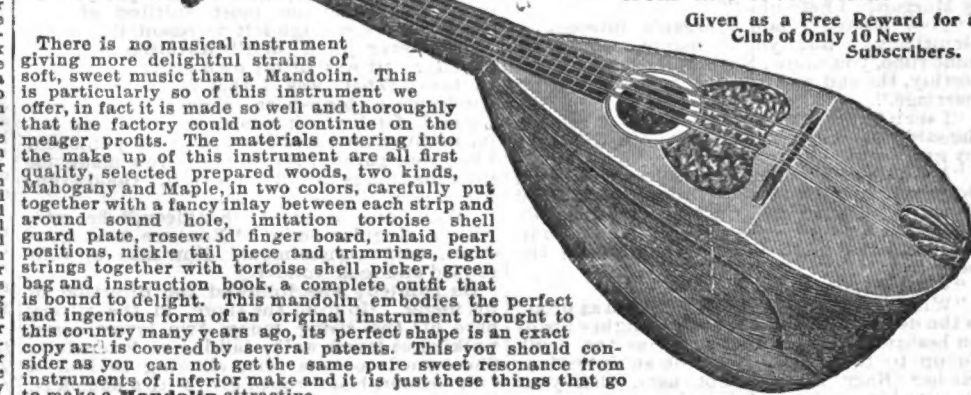


and everything will be clear to you. These machines are strongly and beautifully made, handsomely nickel-plated. There is nothing to get out of order and they will last a life time. Being an entirely new invention we want to introduce quickly and therefore offer them FREE. We will send one as a sample securely packed in a box all charges paid, if you secure but one new 25c. trial year subscription to our monthly. We enter the subscription you send for your friend for a whole year and send the Fortune Teller to you as a free reward.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

HIGH GRADE NINE RIB MANDOLIN.

The Sweetest Music Ever Heard Comes from this Instrument.



There is no musical instrument giving more delightful strains of soft, sweet music than a Mandolin. This is particularly so of this instrument we offer, in fact it is made so well and thoroughly that the factory could not continue on the meager profits. The materials entering into the make up of this instrument are all first quality, selected prepared woods, two kinds, Mahogany and Maple, in two colors, carefully put together with a fancy inlay between each strip and around sound hole, imitation tortoise shell guard plate, rosewood finger board, inlaid pearl positions, nickel tail piece and trimmings, eight strings together with tortoise shell picker, green bag and instruction book, a complete outfit that is bound to delight. This mandolin embodies the perfect and ingenious form of an original instrument brought to this country many years ago, its perfect shape is an exact copy and is covered by several patents. This you should consider as you can not get the same pure sweet resonance from instruments of inferior make and it is just these things that go to make a Mandolin attractive.

For a club of only 10 yearly trial subscribers to our magazine at 25c. each per year we will send our magazine to each a whole year and give you one of the mandolins as a free reward for your effort.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

PLAYING "PING-PONG."



A GREAT WINTER'S GAME.

THE POPULAR GAME OF TABLE TENNIS

also called Wick-Waff and Ping-Pong, has the favor this season and every one everywhere is playing morning, noon and night. Parties are in order and the fascination for the game catches the average person of any age. The game is played on any size table, a dining table is most suitable, and the outfit consists of a net, two rackets and balls. The young people and old people all want to play and become experts. It can be played in the house, on the veranda or on the grass. Any place is desirable where a suitable table can be placed with plenty of light. There is something indescribably fascinating about the game, and thousands play it never tired and have a set in the home to entertain your visitors with. We have several sets to offer, one for the young people or beginners, the other for more advanced players and older persons.

CLUB OFFER. For a club of only four yearly subscribers to COMFORT at 25c. each we will send, all charges prepaid, one complete Table Tennis Set. For a club of three yearly subscribers to COMFORT at 25c. each, we will send prepaid the complete Juvenile Set.

A Tournament Set. A high grade regulation Table Tennis Set with rubber covered "professional" bats and full length net of proper height with adjustable holders to fit any table. A regular \$3.00 store set packed in a wooden box with hinged cover and brass fastener, stained with green, an ornament in any house. For this set we require a club of 9 yearly subscribers to COMFORT at 25c. each, \$2.25. This includes the express charges to all points.

COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

20th Century MUSICAL WONDER.

Complete Orchestra Or Full Brass Band ALL IN ONE.



With little practice any one can produce the most charming music on this latest of musical wonders **The Magic Harmonophone**. It is a complete Orchestra and Full Brass Band all in one. It is a delightful instrument to play upon. Every one knows what the large horn used on a Phonograph is for. It is to increase, modulate, magnify and carry the sound so that delicate and weak notes are made strong and clear and distinctly heard at a great distance. Thus it is that a **Megaphone** is used to carry the voice when speaking out of doors so that a light voice can be carried fully a mile and distinctly understood. The same principle has been used in producing the **Harmonophone**. We take the very best quality and sweetest toned Harmonica that is made and attach it to the Nickel Metal "Phone" which is so arranged that the notes coming from the Harmonica are carried around the bell of the Phone which produces the most melodious notes that can emerge from a Silver Nickel horn. Any one who can play a common mouth organ can operate this great wonder and by manipulating the hand over the mouth of the Phone the most startling and beautiful effects can be produced. The single, double and triple "tonguing" feat is delightfully performed when the **Harmonophone** is used and with each instrument we send special instructions how to play and the results and teach you how to play to perfection any familiar air in a highly original and brilliant manner. You can get so much music from this instrument that you can give concerts, play for company or furnish dance music even for the whole crowd. The **Harmonophone** can be detached from the Phone they will last a lifetime and you can thus play in several different keys by only having one Phone.

SPECIAL OFFER. If you will send us a club of only two trial 25c. yearly subscriptions, we will send our magazine one year to each and the **Harmonophone** and full instructions to you post-paid in a strong wood box.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

FREE Silver Spoons.



We can furnish our customers with a half-dozen beautiful quadruple plated Silver Spoons in one of the handsomest patterns imaginable. It was our good fortune to find a large lot of silverware that could be bought cheap and our customers are getting the benefit. The pattern of these Spoons is new and very attractive and we have forks of same design to match. No Knives. We are anxious to increase the circulation of our big monthly magazine right away and to make a liberal gift offer on these Spoons to introduce COMFORT and obtain the subscriptions. As we guarantee these Spoons you should have no hesitancy about ordering at once.

SPECIAL OFFER. If you will send us the name of a friend or our monthly for a special trial subscription to our monthly for a year at 25c. we will send the magazine one whole year to the address and to you we will send as a free gift a Set of Six Spoons. For a club of two you can earn a dozen Spoons. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Heroes Are Made of Good Stuff

SO IS THIS

ALL METAL HERO KNIFE.

Two solid best of steel blades, bright metal handle, strongly riveted, without bolsters, being but two parts and nothing to break, giving the knife a smooth, thin appearance. This is not a clumsy workman's knife but suitable for a gentleman's vest pocket, or desk, or the school boy's way will be found practical and serviceable. Makes a most acceptable present for father or brother and is something you will be proud to give away and an everlasting pleasure to the receiver. These Hero Knives are all the rage and should be sent at once.

SPECIAL. Send only one 25c. yearly subscription to this monthly magazine and we will send one Knife to you as a free premium.

COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Under Love's Spell.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8.)

desolation, since he was not there.

"Give you good-even, my pretty Kathleen," said a soft, low voice that Kathleen knew well, and a whiff of scented cigar-smoke puffed in her face. "On my life, you make a very charming picture, my dear. I never wished I were an artist until this moment. Come here to see the sun go down, eh? Ah, well!" with a lazy sigh. "Neat thing in the way of sunsets, too. How's the dear old dad?"

Kathleen rose up with a bound, flushing rosy red, and dropping an embarrassed little courtesy. A tall man stood before her—a gentlemanly looking personage of thirty or thereabouts, well dressed, well looking, with a shadowy resemblance in his light-blue eyes and fair hair to the gold-haired, azure-eyed darling of her heart. He was not one hundredth part so handsome, but he vaguely resembled Lord Roderick Desmond, and was that young lordling's third cousin—the penniless son of a penniless younger brother, and a barrister at law, of Lincoln's Inn, London.

He looked much more like an Englishman than an Irish Desmond, with his carefully trained side-whiskers, his slow, languid voice, and his affectation of utter indifference to all things under the sun.

"Mr. Gerald!" Kathleen cried; "you here! I didn't know—I thought you were—"

"At home, as I should be—very likely. But hard work all summer has used me up, and I've taken a run over to Clontarf to freshen for the autumn and winter campaign. 'Men must work and women must weep'; and they avail themselves of their prerogative, the dear, moist creatures, to the full, I must say, equally at weddings and deaths. You don't know the song of the 'Three Fishers,' I dare say, Kathleen, but you look as though you had gone in for the weeping business yourself, of late. Six weeks ago I saw you as blooming as one of your own Irish roses; now a belle of five seasons could hardly look more chalky and haggard than my wild, fresh Wicklow rosebud. Is it speedy consumption, Kathie, or a more fatal disease—crossed in love?"

He took the cigar from between his lips and bent toward her, a keenly knowing look in his small, light-blue eyes.

He and little Kathleen knew each other well—from the days when he, at all, hobbled and of sixteen, had been "coached" by old O'Neal, a decayed gentleman and a thorough classical scholar, and had romped with the prettiest four-year-old fairy in the county.

Old O'Neal had been proud of his clever pupil; and Gerald Desmond was a regular visitor at the cottage of his old preceptor during his flying visits to Clontarf.

He had seen Rory and Kathleen together more times than he could count, and he had pulled his long, blonde whiskers and smiled sardonically at Rory's boyish devotion and Kathleen's innocent blushes.

He bent over Kathleen now, and saw the red blood rising to the low, fair brow, and the hot mist that filled the soft blue eyes.

"Rory hasn't been to the cottage for the past six weeks, I dare swear," he said, carelessly. "He is taken up by night and by day, sleeping and waking, body and soul, with that dark-eyed donna from old Castile. Seen her yet, Kathleen?"

He could see the tempestuous heaving of Kathleen's breast, the passionate cloud of jealousy that darkened her whole fair face.

"Yes; I have seen her—again and again and again!"

"And she is beautiful as one's dreams of the angels, eh? She is lovely as an houri, and—you hate her as old Nick hates holy water!"

"Mr. Gerald!?"

"You, Kathleen—for this reason: Rory has gone mad for her. Ah, what an impetuous, hot-headed, reckless, hare-brained fellow that is! On my word, it takes my breath away only to think of him! And impetuosity is so very pronounced, and in such excessive bad style! But he is madly in love; and really the Senorita d'Alvarez is very well worth loving—supposing that anything is worth getting the steam up to such a pitch here below. She's a royal beauty; she's the heiress of a millionaire, with shares and bonds, and consols and coupons, and castles in Spain and bank stock in England. Only it would be such an infinite deal of trouble, I would fall in love with her and marry her myself."

"I wish you would," Kathleen said, between her clinched, pearly teeth. "Why did she ever leave Spain? Why did she ever come—?"

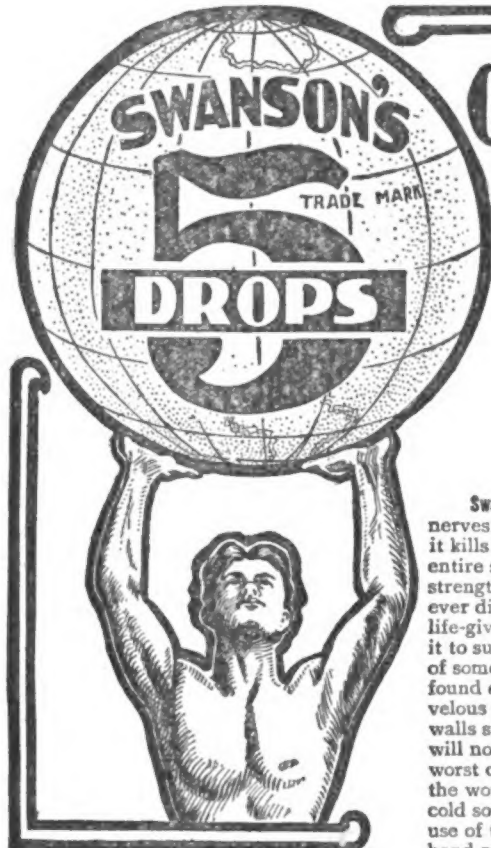
"Here—between you and Rory? Ah! why, indeed? You see, Kathie, the don married an English woman, rich beyond all telling, and beautiful as—her daughter. Donna Inez has spent her whole life in a Spanish convent, in Valadana, I believe, and Don Pedro and his English donna went in for high life in our modern Vanity Fair—Paris. Then the English lady dies, and the Spanish papa waxes lonely, goes to the convent, claims his daughter, and starts with her for England, to present her to her English relatives by the distaff side, and—the ship catches fire off the Irish coast, and the crew take to the boats, and the two passengers are forgotten in the hubbub, and Master Rory and his yacht arrive in the nick of time to bear off the shrieking beauty from the devouring flames—a modern St. George and the Dragon. You've not read many novels in your life-time, my Kathleen, and you're all the better for it; but if you had, you wouldn't need me to tell you the sequel to this delightful romance. The curtain invariably falls, after a score or two of such tremendous sensations, on the crowning folly of man—marriage."

"Marriage!" Kathleen repeated, her breath coming short and quick—"marriage, Mr. Gerald! Will Lord Roderick marry her?"

"I think it extremely likely. As I said, he is in a state of utter imbecility about her, and she—well, those impassioned, tall, black-eyed, dark-skinned, fiery-blooded southerners are generally the very devil either to love or hate. And Rory's thews and sinews, his six foot of stature, his yellow locks and his blue eyes have made their mark already. The lady's good-looking, as you know, Kathleen, and Donna de Castilia is susceptible. In spite of papa's recent death, and her trailing crape and sables, she looks graciously already on the future Earl of Clontarf. Yes, Miss O'Neal, I think I will be called upon to draw up the marriage settlements for my lordly cousin before the world wags twelve months longer."

She was tearing up the turf with a fierce, suppressed excitement that must find vent somehow. Gerald Desmond glanced at her askance.

"And if I were you, Kathleen, I would take the initiative, I would marry Morgan out of hand."



Gives HEALTH STRENGTH And VIGOR.

Swanson's "5-DROPS" is an external and internal remedy that cures all diseases of the blood, nerves and muscles. Applied externally it stops all pain as if by magic. Taken internally it kills all germs of disease, purifies the blood, stimulates the heart action and builds up the entire system to a strong, healthy condition. Those who are nervous, weak or wasting in strength and vitality will find quick relief by the use of "5-DROPS." It is the greatest remedy ever discovered for sleeplessness and all nervous ailments. "5-DROPS" is a health-restoring, life-giving blood purifier, tonic and nerve builder that fortifies the whole system and enables it to successfully resist an attack of disease. Thousands of people who were in the clutches of some terrible disease and whose case had been pronounced incurable by physicians, have found early relief from pain and have been restored to a perfect state of health by this marvelous remedy. "5-DROPS" will cure indigestion. "5-DROPS" builds up a weak stomach with walls strong as steel. "5-DROPS" cures backache and makes kidney trouble disappear. You will not suffer from Scrofula, Eczema or other skin eruptions if you use "5-DROPS." The worst cases of Rheumatism and Neuralgia are cured by "5-DROPS." It is the best remedy in the world for Headache, Toothache and Earache. No other remedy will cure a cough or cold so quickly as "5-DROPS." Catarrh and Asthma sufferers will find relief and a cure by the use of this most remarkable remedy. Every person should keep a bottle of "5-DROPS" on hand ready for use in case of emergency. It will prevent suffering and save doctor's bills.

"5-DROPS" is a household remedy that is needed in every home in the land. No other medicine can take the place of "5-DROPS," because nothing else can do its work. You may be well today, but stricken tomorrow. Get a bottle of "5-DROPS" at once, so as to be ready in case of an attack of disease. It will save you its cost many times over.

"5-DROPS" NEVER FAILS TO CURE RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA,

Kidney Trouble, Lumbago, Sciatica, Gout, Asthma, Catarrh, Nervousness, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Malaria, La Grippe, Backache, Nervous and Neuralgic Headache, Toothache, Earache, Heart Weakness, Paralysis, Creeping Numbness, Sleeplessness, Scrofula, Eczema, and all Blood Diseases. Best remedy in the world for Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat and Bronchial Troubles.

RHEUMATISM. SWANSON'S "5-DROPS" cures Rheumatism in any of its forms or stages of development. Applied externally it affords instant relief from pain. Taken internally it rids the blood, tissues and joints of the uric acid and other poisonous matter, which are the causes of the disease. It never fails to cure Rheumatism, Sciatica or Lumbago. It has effected more cures of the above named ailments than all other remedies combined. It has never failed to cure even the most obstinate cases.

NEURALGIA. Neuralgic Pains cease at once when "5-DROPS" is used. Nothing else ever discovered will afford such early relief or effect a cure so quickly. In neuralgia the nerves are inflamed, they throb and shoot from congestion and arrested circulation. "5-DROPS" hastens circulation, quiets the nerves and the pain stops.

KIDNEY TROUBLE. Liver Complaint and Kidney Trouble can be cured by "5-DROPS." It is the most effectual remedy ever discovered for these diseases. A single dose will give immediate results. It goes direct to the spot. It keeps the liver-cells properly at work. It restores the kidneys to their normal condition by removing the acids which are the cause of the trouble.

All that is required to keep in perfect health is to have the disease germs destroyed, the blood purified and the nerves and muscles strengthened to normal condition. That is what "5-DROPS" does, and that is the reason why it will give immediate relief and cure so many different diseases. A test of "5-DROPS" will prove all that we claim, and the trial bottle costs you nothing.

"5-DROPS" SENT FREE.

"Gateway to Health" will be mailed to you at once, postpaid, free of charge. Here is an opportunity to test the best household remedy in the world without expense to you. Certainly nothing can be fairer than this. Write today.

NOTE.—Large Size Bottle "5-DROPS" (300 Doses) will be sent prepaid to any address for \$1.00. If it is not obtainable in your town, order from us direct. AGENTS WANTED.

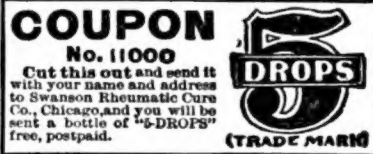
THE "SWANSON PILL" CURES CONSTIPATION.

An ideal cathartic pill that cures constipation, stomach troubles, heartburn, belching, fullness and distress after eating, etc. Causes a natural, healthy action of Bowels, Kidneys and Liver.

PRICE OF PILLS, PREPAID BY MAIL, 25 CENTS PER BOX.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 160-164 Lake St., CHICAGO, ILL.

NOTICE.—Swanson's "5-DROPS" is a household remedy that every family should have, and we advise our readers to take advantage of the liberal offer made by SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., and secure A TRIAL BOTTLE FREE OF CHARGE. Cut out the coupon and write them at once.



SWANSON'S "FIVE DROP" SALVE.

Best remedy in the world for Piles, Burns, Scalds, Boils, Running Sores, Abscesses, Ulcers, Wounds, Ring Worm, Eczema, Acne, Scalp Humors, etc. Gives quick relief in all cases of skin disease.

PRICE 25 AND 50 CENTS PER BOX, POSTPAID.

"Mr. Gerald!" She turned upon him, her pale cheeks flushing, her eyes flashing in the twilight.

"Don't flare up, you little Celtic pythonesse! Yes, I would. Morgan's an Englishman and an attorney—heinous crimes both, in your eyes and your father's; but for all that, you can't do better. He's well to do; he'll make a lady of you, or a lady on a small scale, and no one need ever apply to you that nasty little word, *jilted*!"

"Gerald Desmond! How dare you?" Gerald Desmond shrugged his shoulders and smiled. He rarely laughed.

"Coming the tragic muse, eh? Pray, don't excite yourself, my dear. I'm talking like a father to you. I met Morgan down there beyond, as they say here, and he begged me most piteously to put in a good word for him. You've lost Lord Roderick, you see; and I give you my word, Kathleen, I thought at one time his little flirtation would have ended seriously. But he has gone down beyond hope before the Spanish eyes of the Castilian beauty, and your cake's dough. Marry Morgan, like a good girl, and live happy forever after."

She clutched a handful of grass, and flung it passionately over the rocks.

"I would die ten thousand deaths, I would jump into the sea, yonder, before I would marry Morgan! I hate him!"

"Poor fellow!" said Morgan's intercessor, plaintively. "But you'll marry some one, some time, you know, Kathleen. It's woman's destiny, the end and aim of her whole life—marriage."

"I shall never marry!" her voice choked as she said it, and she turned away. "I will go to my grave what I am tonight."

"My dear little gushing Kathleen!" Gerald Desmond absolutely laughed a little, so amused was he. "I'll live and die a maid, as the old songs say, for Rory's sweet sake. Don't do it, Kathleen. Go up to Clontarf and forbid the bans."

"What do you mean?"

"Why this, little one: the donna is as proud as the deuce—all these high and mighty Spanish beauties are—and as jealous as the devil. Go up to the castle, insist on an interview, tell her Rory is yours, not hers, that your claim to him is beyond dispute. So it is, you know; he has been courting you ever since he was three feet high. Tell her he loves you

still, and is only after her doubloons. By Jove! Kathleen, she'll drop him like a hot potato."

"Mr. Gerald!"

The amazement, the indignation, the superb hauteur with which Kathleen regarded him is utterly beyond description. She stood drawn up to her full height, her eyes ablaze in the silvery light.

"Yes, *mignonne*." "How dare you say such things to me!"—she stamped her foot, and her little fist clinched—"how dare you insult me by such suggestions! Come between him and the girl of his heart, when I would die at his feet to make him happy! Go to that noble lady and belie him, the noblest, the bravest, the truest!"

Her voice broke down; poor Kathleen was no orator. She covered her face with her hands and burst into a very passion of tears.

Gerald Desmond shrugged his shoulders, took out a cigar, struck a fusee, and lighted it.

"They are all alike," he murmured—"peasant and princess. They will go into hysterics in spite of you. Well, Kathleen, don't cry; please yourself, you know. I've only been talking to you for your good. 'Fore George! he must be the darling of the gods, this Roderick Desmond, since you all lose your heads for him; and he can jilt you in cold blood, and the most spirited of you haven't spirit enough left to resent it."

"He never jilted me!" Kathleen retorted, angrily. "It was all my own folly, from first to last. What was I that he—so noble, so handsome, so high-born—should stoop to care for me? I tell you it was all my own mad folly, nothing else; and I am properly punished. I beg your pardon, Mr. Gerald; you make me say rude things in spite of myself. Good evening to you. I must go home."

"Wait one moment, Kathleen," he said, with a singular smile. "You are most generous, most magnanimous. Now take up your reward and look yonder."

He pointed; she followed the direction of his finger. Up from the shore, in the silvery haze of the rising moon, two lovers came, walking as lovers walk, talking as lovers talk. She leaned on his arm, clinging to him—a tall, slender, black-robed girl, with a nameless, high-bred grace; and he—ah! the tall, fair head bent over, the devoted eyes watched her in a way that told the tale.

"Lord Roderick Desmond and Donna Inez," said Gerald Desmond. "Has he asked her already to be his wife? It would be very like him, impetuous that he is; and very like her, passionate and impulsive, to say yes. Well, good night, Kathleen, and pleasant dreams." He touched his hat carelessly and turned away, humming an old song as he went:

"Thou hast learned to love another, Thou hast broken every vow—"

and each word went through the girl's heart like a knife. Where he had left her, she crouched down, her face hidden in her hands, with the low, dumb moan of a stricken animal.

Gerald Desmond walked slowly homeward, in the silvery light of the moon, to Clontarf Castle. His pale face was at all times fixedly calm, but his light, cold eyes gleamed with an evil gleam. For he coveted this Spanish beauty with his whole soul, for her rare loveliness, that had fired his cold blood, for her great wealth, that maddened him with covetous desire.

With such a prize as this Spanish princess for a wife there was no eminence in the kingdom that he, with his shrewd brain and crafty cleverness, might not attain.

He hated and envied his cousin, with a bitter and terrible envy, all the more deadly from being so closely hidden; but he had never in his whole life before hated him so vindictively as he did tonight.

"I have hated you in secret for many a year you shallow-brained, mad-headed fool!" he said, with a gleam of devilish malignity in his light eyes; "the time has come to act now. Woo your black-eyed bride—win her if you can. If you ever lead her to the altar, if you ever slip the wedding-circle on her finger, then 'write me down an ass!' I love Inez d'Alvarez, and mine she shall be—mine! I have said it, and we Desmonds keep our word. When her wedding-day comes, unlikely as it looks now, I will stand at the altar by her side, and you will be—where,—Lord Roderick?"

NOTE.—This interesting story will be continued in the November number of COMFORT. If your subscription expires this month do not fail to send in your renewal subscription or you will miss the November number, as all old subscriptions are now promptly removed on expiration.